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ONE DOLLAR

Emanuel County murder convictions upheld in Georgia Supreme Court

On Monday, April 19, the Georgia Supreme Court upheld murder convictions and life prison sentences for Million Bedford and Yaheed Brooks, co-defendants involved in the April 8, 2017 shooting death of Johnny Jackson.

During the year 2018, Bedford and Brooks were tried together in court on April 10 and April 11 and were found guilty on all counts. They were both sentenced to serve life in prison without the possibility of parole for malice murder, an additional concurrent life sentence in prison without possibility

of parole for armed robbery, 20 years in prison to be served consecutively for burglary, and 15 years in prison for three remaining counts of possession of a firearm, also to be served consecutively.

Following their sentences, Bedford and Brooks each filed a motion for a new trial. The motions were denied and they appealed. Both Bedford and Brooks argued of insufficient evidence to sustain convictions and the court denying a mistrial due to the state's improper comment made regarding courtroom spec-

tators during a closing argument. Bedford claims the trial court erred by denying his motion for directed verdict of acquittal and by admitting his pretrial statements. Brooks argues that a witness detective improperly bolstered other witness testimonies and that the court trial abused its discretion by failing to allow him to supplement his motion for new trial with new claims and by not setting an evidentiary hearing on the supplemental motion.

Upon further review, the Supreme Court affirmed convictions in both cases.



BEDFORD AND BROOKS

Kingsberry, Hackett receive MPV awards at school banquet

Last week, Swainsboro High School 2020 graduates A.J. Kingsberry and Immanuel Hackett received their SHS Boys Basketball Team MVP trophies following the 2019-2020 basketball season when the team competed and won at state level.

In a 2020 write up by Troup Brinson featured in *The Blade*, Kingsberry and Hackett were deemed *electric guards* during the school's successful basketball season last year, providing easy offense for the Tigers.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a delay with the school receiving trophy awards. SHS Basketball Coach Brice Hobbs presented trophies to Kingsberry and Hackett during a sports banquet.



COACH HOBBS PRESENTS TROPHY TO HACKETT



COACH HOBBS PRESENTS TROPHY TO KINGSBERRY



KORWIN, CLIFTON, AND EMANUEL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR KEN WARNOCK



REYNOLDS, LAMB, AND WARNOCK

2021 STAR Students, Teachers recognized

Emanuel County Institute senior, Nikki Clifton, and Swainsboro High School senior, Andrew Lamb, have been named the 2021 PAGE STAR Student for their respective schools. They each earned this recognition for academic achievement and performance on the SAT. The Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce, local STAR program sponsor, announced the honor Thursday, April 15th, 2021 at a small ceremony at Southeastern Technical College. Clifton selected Joseph Korwin as her STAR Teacher and Lamb selected Selena Reynolds as his STAR Teacher.

Additionally, Andrew Lamb and Selena Reynolds were recognized as the STAR Student and Teacher System winners for the Emanuel County School System. They will compete at the Region level, and hopefully the State level as well.

ECI STAR Student
Jessica Nicole "Nikki" Clifton is the daughter of Jess and Teresa Clifton. After high school, she plans to complete her undergraduate education in Linguistics at the University of Georgia, followed by law school. Her career plans are to become licensed as an attorney and court interpreter. Her extracurricular activities include scuba diving and videography for The Rock Worship Center in Stillmore. Her academic awards include Academic E-93 average or above (9,10,11); World History

Award (9); Physical Science Award (9); Biology Award (10); Spanish II Award (10); Chemistry Award (11); University of Georgia Certificate of Merit (11); Honor Graduate (12); Valedictorian (12). She was voted Most Intelligent by her senior classmates, and she participates in the Dual Enrollment/Move-on-When-Ready program at East Georgia State College, from which she will graduate with her associate degree simultaneously with graduation from ECI. She was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa (Continued on page 7A)

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Emanuel County Chamber Member Spotlight: Pineland Telephone Cooperative

The organization of Pineland Telephone Cooperative was accomplished September 8, 1951, by a group of concerned citizens from Emanuel and Candler Counties at a meeting in Swainsboro. Officers and Directors were also elected at that time. After a number of meetings, the new Board of Directors approved purchase of the Midville, Adrian, Twin City, and Stillmore telephone exchanges, and with the help of other interested people from these counties, memberships were obtained and equity certificates sold to begin operation of the cooperative. Application was made by the cooperative to Rural Electrification Administration (REA) for the first loan to be used for the purchase of the first four telephone exchanges and to begin construction of new facilities.

Rural Electrification Administration approved the first loan in March of 1952, which was the fourth such loan approved in Georgia by REA and the first such loan approved for a telephone cooperative.

At the end of 1953, which also marked the end of the first full year of operation, the cooperative was serving 1,383 subscribers. At the end of 2002, the cooperative was serving 13,479 access lines from ten exchanges in the rural communities and towns of Metter, Adrian, Bartow, Cobbtown, Davisboro, Kite, Lexsy, Midville, Oakpark, and Twin City. These exchanges also provide services to the communities of Aline, Pulaski, Meeks, Norristown, Scott, Covena, Nunez, Stillmore, Wesley, Garfield, and Coleman Lake, and in the counties of Candler,

Burke, Emanuel, Johnson, Jefferson, Washington, Tattnall, and Laurens. The Cooperative has been successful in obtaining the necessary funds through the Rural Electrification Administration, now renamed Rural Utilities Service (RUS), to continue its construction program and keep abreast of service demands.

Pineland Telephone has 65 employees and serves 1,300 square miles in all or parts of ten counties and seventeen exchanges in South Georgia, bringing telephone, internet, technology, and security solutions to its customers. Nearing its 69th year, 100% of Pineland's customers receive their services via a dedicated Fiber-to-the-Home network capable of delivering broadband speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second. As part of the telecommunications industry, the products

offered through Pineland are telephone, internet, television, and technology. Pineland's mission is to offer an outstanding customer experience through the efficient delivery of progressive technology solutions in the markets served. They achieve this mission by applying their Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, and a Servant's Heart in everything they do.

Pineland is one of the few broadband providers throughout the country to provide Gigabit-enabled broadband to every customer it serves. Some of their community contributions include the FRS Scholarship and offering support to local high schools, colleges, chambers, and economic development agencies. Pineland believes Chambers of Commerce are important economic engines for our communities and will always support their local chamber.

Pineland Telephone Cooperative's main location is located at 30 South Rountree Street in Metter. An additional office is located in Swainsboro at

425 South Main Street. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Contact Pineland via phone by calling 800-247-1266 or visit their website, www.pineland.net. Pineland Telephone Cooperative can be found on social media by

Facebook (facebook.com/pinelandtelco), Twitter (@PinelandTelco), Instagram (@pinelandtelco), LinkedIn (linkedin.com/company/pineland-telephone-cooperative-inc-), and YouTube (youtube.com/c/inelandTelephoneCoOpIncMetter).



PINELAND REPRESENTATIVES AMY AND DUSTIN

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Thank you to everyone who helped make Swainsboro's citywide clean-up on April 17th a success. More than 50 volunteers including individuals, families, and local organizations worked to pick up litter and debris throughout the city. Participants enjoyed a wrap-up pizza party and prize drawings at The Boneyard.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

A&O Men's Center; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Citizens Bank Youth Advisory Board; Clearwater Solutions; Community Action for Youth; Domino's Pizza; Franklin Memorial Library; Men Reaching Men; Scout Pack 75; Seedling Garden Club; Swainsboro Jaycees; Swainsboro Kiwanis Club; Swainsboro Rotary Club

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SCARBORO (CENTER) WITH CHILDREN EMILY AND HUNTER

Hometown Public Servant: Stacey Scarboro, Emanuel County Board of Commissioners administrative assistant

This week's Hometown Public Servant is Stacey Scarboro, Emanuel County Board of Commissioners administrative assistant.

Born and raised in Fernandina Beach, Florida, Scarboro and her family moved to Fannin County, Georgia when she was six-years-old. In 1994, after a few big life changes, Scarboro's mother selected Swainsboro as the town in which she wished for her and her children to live in, and ever since, Emanuel County has been home to Scarboro.

"My mother loved how Emanuel County was centrally located between Macon, Savannah, and Augusta. She bought our little homeplace in Kemp and Swainsboro has been home ever since. In January 2020, I purchased my first home roughly two miles from our homeplace that my mama loved so much. Emanuel County was and still is our chosen home," Scarboro explained.

Working closely as the assistant of Emanuel County Administrator L. Guy Singletary and the county commissioners, Scarboro wears many unmentioned hats and wears her hats proudly while managing the county's social media, marketing, and website.

"I love the challenge that comes with my job and I appreciate the opportunity to work for and serve Emanuel County," Scarboro stated in a recent interview.

A faithful servant, Scarboro's job duties have changed multiple times during her five years of employment with the commissioner's office but she says that the basic job as administrative assistant has continued to stay true through time.

"Guy has seen my potential and has given me tasks to help my growth in my current role and for that, I am also appreciative. I have worked in many capacities within our office and have placed myself in a position to attempt to learn as much as possible. I have a need to be challenged and a desire to learn. I enjoy helping others and if there's a way that I can help someone, I'm all in," she further commented.

Scarboro's day-to-day job duties vary each day. Some days are spent working with the commissioners and their meetings, but her everyday workflow consists of providing daily Covid social media updates and whatever task is thrown her way while handling basic administration duties. However, with all Scarboro's many responsibilities, her most

enjoyable moments on the job are spent communicating with the citizens of the county.

"Citizens call for various reasons and usually, it's a real problem for them. That's where I can make a difference and help solve their problems or put them in touch with someone who can," Scarboro stated.

In addition to helping citizens of Emanuel County, Scarboro is also fond of the relationships built with local leaders within the community as well as her fellow co-workers.

"Our county has so many great leaders. I guess you can say I have learned from them what public service looks like. It isn't always pretty, but it is always needed. That's what makes me want to do my part to make a difference too. I also have so much appreciation for my office co-workers, Guy, Harriett, Carol, Rhonda, and Risa, and the dedication they have to Emanuel County. We are a wonderful team and I definitely have learned so much over the years just having them by my side. Our constitutional officers, department heads, and employees are just awesome. I wouldn't want to do what I do without them. Together, we work to make Emanuel County 'The Place to Grow,'" Scarboro commented.

In regard to Emanuel County being 'The Place to Grow,' Scarboro sees a need in which she addressed

during her recent interview - that being the importance of educating local youth on just how much the local government can have an impact in their lives.

"Before I was employed by the county government, I never knew the extent of what county government really is or was. I would love for our kids to be educated on what their county can do for them as citizens and how they, as young adults, can provide a life of service to their hometown," she stated.

Scarboro's homelife
When getting to know Scarboro, it's clear that her love for the county runs deep, almost as deep as the love she has for her children. Scarboro is the mother of two great kids, Hunter Chace and Emily Fayth. Hunter is a junior at Emanuel County Institute, and Emily is enrolled in the fifth grade at Twin City Elementary School.

"While I have known great love my whole life, my children have taught me how to truly love. They make me want to be a good example and to be a better person," Scarboro stated affectionately.

In her spare time, Scarboro enjoys photography, time spent in the blueberry fields with her dad, visiting family members in Florida, cooking for the people she loves most, attending church, and making her entire family feel special.

"It's such a beautiful life and I am thankful for my part in it," she explained.

BOBCAT SPOT

What's going on at your hometown college!

Athletics Week in Review

The Bobcats hit the field last week on the Baseball and the Softball diamonds!
The Lady Bobcats kicked off the week with an away game on Tuesday, April 13 against Andrew College, winning game one 11-3 and game two 14-4. They went on to visit Georgia Highlands on Saturday, losing game one 5-3 and game two 9-1. They will hit the field at home on Friday, April 23 against ABAC in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m.

The Bobcat Baseball team started their week at ABAC for a double-header on Tuesday, April 13, losing game one 10-9 and game two 19-2. They then welcomed ABAC to the home field on Friday, winning game one 14-9 and game two 4-1. They traveled to Gordon College yesterday for a double-header, but scores were not available as of press time. They will take on Gordon College at home on Saturday in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m.

The Conference Playoffs for baseball and softball will begin the first full week in May, so be on the lookout for times and dates when seeds are announced! Please note that all games are subject to change due to rainouts or COVID-19. Go Bobcats!

Bobcat APPRECIATION Month

During the month of April, East Georgia State College (EGSC) is highlighting various people and groups in recognition of their part in making this a great institution of higher learning. This week EGSC and its students are thankful for the family and friends who support the hard work of each student. Whether it's showing up to support a student at an event, providing financial support or just being available to help a student through a challenging time, family and friends have a huge impact on a college student's success. Therefore, EGSC and its students salute the family and friends who make so many things possible!

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- March 22 - May 31 Summer and Fall Open Registration
- April 19 - 23 Bobcat Appreciation Week - Faculty and Staff Appreciation
- April 19 - 27 Bobcat Regatta Competition Voting
- April 21 Criminal Justice Club Meeting - 11:15 a.m.
Mental Health Awareness for EGSC Faculty/Staff - 2 p.m.
- April 22 Spring Fling - 11 a.m.
- April 23 Home Softball Game - Double Header - 1 p.m.
- April 24 Home Baseball Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
- April 26 - 30 Bobcat Appreciation Month - Community Appreciation
- April 26 AAMI Meeting 1:30 p.m.
Reducing the Stigma of Mental Health for EGSC Students - 3:30 p.m.
Citizens Bank Student Advisory Board Meeting - 5:15 p.m.
Delta Kappa Gamma Dinner Meeting - 6 p.m.
- April 27 BCM Club Meeting - 10:45 a.m.
Home Baseball Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
Home Softball Game - Double Header - 1 p.m.
AAMI End of the Semester Event - 4 p.m.

*Due to COVID-19 concerns, fans are allowed at home baseball and softball games, but must observe all rules.

For more information on EGSC's schedule and response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, visit www.ega.edu/COVID19



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Mary Sue Thompson Archie, 76

Mrs. Mary Sue Thompson Archie, age 76, departed this life on Friday, April 9, 2021, following an extended illness. Graveside service was held Saturday, April 17, at 11 a.m. in Swainsboro City Cemetery with Minister Larry Sherrod as Eulogist.

Mrs. Archie was born April 29, 1944, in Bartow, to the late Joe and Lizzie Bell Thompson. She was employed with East Georgia State College as a custodian for many years. Mrs. Archie was a member of the Mt. Pleasant CME Church in Bartow.

Mrs. Archie leaves to cherish her memories with her husband of 47 years, Moses "Pete" Archie, Jr. of Swainsboro; son, Timmy (Sharonda) Archie of Swainsboro; two grandchildren, Taliyah Archie



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and Timmy Archie, Jr., both of Swainsboro; bonus grandson, Luwaski McCloud, Jr., of Swainsboro; two sisters, Willie Ann Thompson of Swainsboro and Annie (Edward) Smith of Covington; two brothers, Joe Thompson, Jr. of Swainsboro and Curtis (Gwen) Thompson of Louisville; and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bobbie Lee Smith Hughes, 75

Bobbie Lee Smith Hughes, age 75, entered into her eternal rest on Sunday, April 11, 2021. Graveside service was held Saturday, April 17, at 2 p.m. in Stillmore City Cemetery with Rev. E. Neal Dixon presiding and Rev. Mario Webb as Pastor and Eulogist.

Ms. Hughes was born May 1, 1945, to Wilhemina Brown and Columbus Reddin. She was raised under the tutelage of William and Annie Bell Brown. Bobbie matriculated through Emanuel County School system. She married Charles Edward Smith and they had two children. Later in life, love found her again and she married Alphonso Hughes. At an early age, Bobbie united with the Lord and the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church. She served faithfully in the Ushers Ministry within the church, district and local associations of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of



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Georgia, INC. She was instrumental in the reorganization and revitalization of the Ushers' Ministry of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church.

Ms. Hughes leaves to cherish her memories with her daughters, Barbara Corley Dixon and Teresa Lassister; sister, Carolyn Gibson; brother, Carl Washington; 5 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one god-daughter; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Essie Lee Murry, 81

Ms. Essie Lee Murry, 81, of Swainsboro, passed away Friday, April 16, 2021, at Emanuel Medical following an extended illness. Funeral services were Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Andrew Flowers officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Rob Murry, Matt Murry, Austin Woods, Cody Hopkins, Jeff Drake, and James Fullwood.

Ms. Murry was born April 15, 1940, in Jesup, to the late Claude Radford and Estelle Trull Radford. She was a member of Eastwood Church of God. Ms. Murry is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Phillip Murry;



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five brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include her sons, Donny Murry (Donna) of Rockledge and Robert Murry (Belinda) of Vidalia; daughters, Tena Norris and Cindy Woods, both of Swainsboro; sisters, Nell Godbold of Jacksonville, Florida and Elaine; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; several great-nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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John R. "Johnny" Roberts, III, 73

Mr. John R. "Johnny" Roberts, III, 73, of Swainsboro, passed away Friday, April 16, 2021, at AU Medical Center following an extended illness. Funeral services were Monday, April 19, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Rev. Ray Jenkins officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Joe Stockover, Jim Roberts, Bryan Rountree, Marc Snellgrove, and Alf Wimberly.

Mr. Roberts was born August 16, 1947, in Tucker, to the late John R. Roberts, Jr. and Jeanette Avery Roberts. He attended Swainsboro High School. Mr. Roberts loved fishing, gospel music, and helping people; he never met a stranger. He was a member of Swainsboro First Baptist Church most of his life where he was very active in the Sunday School Programs, then he later moved his membership to Canoochee Baptist Church. Mr. Roberts is



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preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jimmy Roberts; and sister, Betty Roberts Collins.

Survivors include his sister-in-law, Nancy Roberts of Swainsboro; brother-in-law, James Collins of Metter; nieces, Alisa (Joe) Stockov of Claremont, N.C., Tammie (Bryan) Rountree of Canoochee, and Buffy (Marc) Snellgrove of Nunez; nephews, Jim Roberts of Swainsboro and Alf (Kristy) Wimberly of Swainsboro; step-nephews, Brad (Misty) Collins of Soperon and Bryson (Kelly) Collins of Metter; several great-nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

John Allen Jones, 76

Mr. John Allen Jones, 76, of Twin City, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2021, at his residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were Saturday, April 17, at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Elder Mike Gray officiating. Interment followed in Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Carson Jones, Matt Jones, Chatt Jones, Reecie Scott, Ben Brown, and John David Harvill.

Mr. Jones was born June 29, 1944, in Twin City, to the late Remer "Buster" Jones and Christine Lawson Jones. He enjoyed farming and being outside taking care of his farm animals. Mr. Jones worked at Automatic Sprinkler and Calvine's. He was a member of Baptist Rest Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Jones is



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preceded in death by his parents.

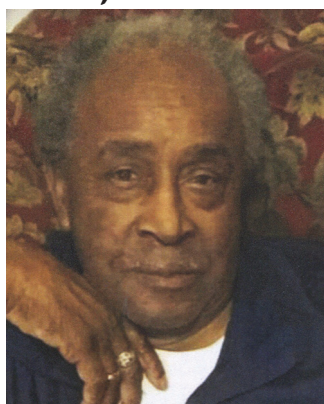
Survivors include his sisters, Patricia (Tom) Harvill of Byron and Nancy Roberts of Swainsboro; brothers, Richard Jones and Sammy (Brenda) Jones, both of Twin City; nieces, Tammie Rountree and Buffy Snellgrove; nephews, Jim Roberts, Travis Harvill, John David Harvill, Chatt Jones, Matt Jones, and Carson Jones; special caregiver, Janie Mae Randall; several great nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Leroy Brown, 85

Mr. Leroy Brown, age 85, left his earthly home on April 8, 2021, at Emanuel County Nursing Home. Graveside service was held Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at Kirkland Cemetery with Minister Mildred Phillips as Eulogist.

Mr. Brown was born January 3, 1936, to the late Dan and Nona Brown of Jefferson County. He attended school in Jefferson County, and after doing farm work for many years, he worked as a custodian and bus driver for Emanuel County school system. Mr. Brown was a member of Forts Grove Baptist Church in Summertown. He married Mildred Gunn Brown on January 10, 1956. They raised six children of their own and helped raise many others. Mr. Brown is preceded in death by his loving wife; parents; and



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sone, Roylee Brown.

Mr. Brown leaves to cherish his memories with his children, Mildred Phillips, James Brown, Sharon (Jean) Charite Charles Brown, and Dennis (Yolanda) Brown; sister, Matie Owens of Bartow; brother, Tommy Brown of Vero Beach, FL; 12 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Martha L. Street, 89

Martha L. Moore-Williams-Street, age 89, passed away April 1, 2021. A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, April 7, at 1 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Ms. Street was born March 21, 1932, in Kite, to the late Lewis and Lucille Moore, and was the only blessing of a child from their union. She attended school in Summertown. Martha was united in holy matrimony to the late Charlie Williams, and they were blessed with five children. She was later united in holy matrimony to the late Earl Bradley Street, and they were blessed with two children. Ms. Street worked at the Emanuel County Hospital in the Dietary Department for more than 30 years and retired in 1987. From there, she enjoyed her retirement full of many blessed moments with



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her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and her church family.

Ms. Street is survived by her children, Charley Mae (Jerome) Thomas, Betty Jo (James) Phillips, Robert (Martha) Williams, Martha Ann (late Ronnie) Thomas, Diane (Bruce) Fowler, Gwendolyn Street, Ervin (Yolanda) Street, and Lueticia Parrish; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Commissioners approve first project phase for new 9-1-1 communication system

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners convened Monday, April 19, at 6 p.m. at the John C. Coleman Hotel for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Calling the meeting to order, Chairman Jim Sherrod welcomed all before calling up Commissioner Desse Davis to lead the invocation and Vice Chairman Hugh Foskey to lead in the pledge of allegiance. Minutes from the March 15 regular meeting and April 15 workshop meeting were then reviewed and approved as presented.

In reference to new business

- Board members entertained discussion on county auditor options. A proposal to enter into contract with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for county auditing services was suggested, stating that the company only focuses on auditing services. Following discussion, board members voted unanimously to hire Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC to serve as county auditor.

- Commissioners approved to re-enter into the school resource officer agreement with Emanuel County Sheriff's Office for on-campus services provided by deputies at Swainsboro, Twin City, and Stillmore school locations. Present for discussion were Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer and Major Nick Robertson. This is agreement contract is reviewed for approval on an annual basis.

- Singletary addressed board members with a District Attorney Resolution. He advised that the resolution is a result of counties within the state of Georgia, none being in our judicial circuit, not paying correct fund-



SINGLETARY HOLDS DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY ATTORNEY RICHARD MCNEELY



OFFICIALS ADDRESS BOARD ABOUT NEW RADIO SYSTEM FOR COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY

ing for retirement benefits of district attorney office employees. It was further stated that the adoption of this resolution by counties is being made state requirement and will have no impact on Emanuel County's budget. Motioning for approval of said agreement was Commissioner James Canady. Vice Chairman Hugh Foskey seconded, and all remaining commissioners voted unanimously.

- Commissioners approved to enter into a radio consultant agreement for public works communications. Discussion of this agreement began approximately five years ago regarding the county's 9-1-1 radio system used by public

safety officials. Comments and concerns were heard from Sheriff Brewer, Emanuel County 9-1-1 Director Martha Culbreth, Emanuel County EMS Director Courtney Terwilliger, and Emanuel County Fire Chief Nick Ivey, who all urged the commissioners to expedite the process, if all possible. Singletary advised of the upgrade being a very expensive but much needed project. He further advised that the agreement will consist of three phases: an exploratory phase to interview and inspect the needs of participating agencies, a comprehensive report compiling coverage reports and system suggestions, and a final proposal of systems

suggested best suitable for the county's use. He then proposed a submitted bid of \$34,386 from Tusa Consulting Services. This price includes the completion of phase one and was given an estimated 3-month completion date with an on-site kick-off meeting set for May 4 with county departments. Singletary advised that funding sources and future SPLOST funding would be allotted towards costs of this agreement. Commissioner James Canady motioned for approval to enter contract. Commissioner Davis seconded and all board members voted in favor.

Board members then entered into executive session.

Mary Helen Schmid, 84

Ms. May Helen Schmid, 84, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2021, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ms. Schmid was born May 3, 1936, in Midville, to the late Lintorn A. Brett and Gertrude Flanders. Ms. Schmid got a Master Degree's in Adult Education and went on to the George Baptist Nursing Program. She then went and taught Nursing at Southeastern Technical College and worked at Emanuel Medical Center. Ms. Schmid loved her grandchildren, reading Christian especially in her Bible, and loved to share her Faith. She was a member of Hawhammock Baptist Church. Ms. Schmid is preceded in death by her parents;

husband, Henry Schmid; daughter, Esther Bristow; brother, Lintorn Brett; and sister, Ann Brett.

Survivors include her sons, Andrew Scott Schmid of New York and Stuart Watson (Lorraine) of Charlotte, North Carolina; grandchildren, Erin Watson of Chicago, Glynis Watson of Charlotte, North Carolina, Colleen Watson of Durham, North Carolina, Jack Watson of Durham, North Carolina, Nicholas Dominique, Clay Williams, and Bailey Bristow; one great-grandchild; brothers, Henry Brett (Janet) of Wadley, Bobby Brett (Betty Ann) and William Brett (Sandy) of Kite; and sister, Mary Gail Farrar.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Voices United to celebrate 28th anniversary this Sunday

Voices United's 28th choir anniversary celebration will be held Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. at the Bone Yard in downtown Swainsboro. The event will emceed by Pastor Damian Thrower and Voices United President Matt Howard and Director Vernessa Pierce, and will feature Voices United, The Anointed Tribe and Royal Heirs. The public is invited. Be sure to bring a lawn chair.

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Driver injured in Highway 80 East crash

by BILL CAHILL

Vehicle vs. deer crashes are almost a daily occurrence. Typically, the vehicle is damaged, some require a tow, most times there are no injuries. This crash on Tuesday, April 13, was not typical.

Shortly after 6 p.m., a 2014 Nissan Sentra SV 4 door sedan was proceeding westbound on Highway 80 East by Bethel Church Road. A doe suddenly appeared in front of the vehicle and was struck. At this point, the female driver lost control of the car, crossed the roadway and went off-road through an electrified fence and



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crashed head-on into a tree. First responders and EMS personnel were able

to raise the pulsing wires from the car and remove the injured driver for

transport to the hospital. Georgia State Patrol investigated the crash.

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APRIL 20, 1961 IN FESTIVAL PLAY

Patsy Edenfield as "Mrs. Crane" and John Price as "John J. Pressley" in "Ladies of the Jury", a play that was presented May 3, 4, and 5 as part of the 16th Annual Pine Tree Festival. Some 28 members of the speech classes of Swainsboro High participated in the play, under the direction of Mrs. M.J. Reid (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

ROYALTY CONTEST

Among the highlights of the events scheduled during the 16th annual Pine Tree Festival was the "Parade of Characters Out of the Past", that was presented on Monday, May 1, by seniors of Swainsboro High School. Among the characters represented were Sonny Coleman as Al Smith, Llewelyn Avery as Florence Nightingale, Clara Jane Flanders as Belle Boyd, Sylvia Hooks as Pocahontas, Jimmy Paige as Wyatt Earp, Frances McLeod as Fusaye-Ishikawa, June Lovins as Susan Anthony, Marjorie Boyd as Clara Bow, and Patsy Hooks as Martha Washington. The parade was held downtown.(visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

APRIL 21, 1971 LOOKING OVER EQUIPMENT

Officials of Pineland Telephone Cooperative looked over some of the complicated new equipment installed in the firm's Twin City exchange. Looking over the "grading board" were J.T. Mathis, Jr. of Twin City, director; Earl Kidd of Metter, general manager of Pineland; ad Reginald Lanier of Metter, president. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

'THAT'S GREAT!'

Father Judson Mayfield, chairman of the "We Care" steering committee, happily accepted a check from Samuel Thomas, a counselor at Swainsboro High School. Mr. Thomas made his contribution toward the establishment of a public child day care center during a meeting at the First Baptist Church April 12. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

APRIL 22, 1981 AS A PRIZE

Mount Shady Primitive Baptist Church youth presented fruit baskets to residents of Swainsboro Nursing Home who found prize eggs in the annual Easter egg hunt. Mt. Shady sponsored the hunt for residents. Pictured are Jeremy Paige, Milton Anderson, Ashley Paige, Claude Johnson, and Brandi Hudson. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

'THANK YOU'

Mrs. Mettie Tyson accepted a plaque of appreciation from James A. Harper, former principal of Adrian School. The plaque represented the appreciation of Adrian School lunchroom staff and faculty to Mrs. Tyson for 21 years of dedicated service in the lunchroom at the school. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

APRIL 24, 1991 MUSIC FOR CAMELOT

Katherine Smith watched as Mrs. Sharon Weatherford, music director for Camelot, programmed each musical note into the computer. Bill Locklear, SHS band director, added orchestration to the computer-programmed music. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

RECYCLING

Visiting Emanuel County Recycling Center from Swainsboro Tech child development program were Annie Young, Rosey Young, Elizabeth Lawson, and Jody Hirt. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

APRIL 18, 2001 CLEANING UP

OMI employees Gilmer Phillips and Matt Tompkins prepared to haul bags of pine cones during Countywide Cleanup Day, slated Saturday, April 28. Helping them was Joan Dunn, Keep Emanuel Beautiful director. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

MOORE IS FIRST GRADUATE OF ACS/TECH PROGRAM

James E. "Lijah" Moore III was the first student to graduate from Academy of Career Sciences and Swainsboro Technical College. He graduated in the forest technology program.(visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

APRIL 20, 2011 MAIN STREET MARKET HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING

Main Street Market at the Boneyard held its ribbon cutting ceremony on April 7. Entertainment was provided by the Swainsboro Snipe Hunters and refreshments were served as attendees browsed the items for sale. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

YOUMANS NABS 7-POUNDER

Kade Youmans, 9-year-old son of Randy and Karen Youmans, caught a 7 lb. bass while fishing at his uncle Kenny Youmans' pond in Metter. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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BOE recognizes Mill Creek Foundation for support

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Education met Tuesday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Swainsboro Elementary School. All board members were in attendance except Sandra Swinney. Chairman Mason Henry called the meeting to order and welcomed all before calling upon Vice Chairman Johnny Parker to deliver the invocation. Chairman Henry then led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the approval being made of the night's agenda.

Following the approval of Tuesday night's agenda, special recognition was given to the Mill Creek Foundation. The board expressed its appreciation for the foundation's generous support of the Emanuel County school system over the past years and presented a plaque of appreciation to Denny Kea with Mill Creek Foundation.

In reference to the consent agenda:

- Minutes from the March 9 regular board meeting and March 23 called board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented by board members.
- Financial reports were presented by Molly Smith.
- Discussion was held on the SRO agreement between the school system and Emanuel County Sheriff's Office. Board members agreed this program is beneficial to the school system and wish to continue this service.
- The purchase of two 2020 GMC work trucks and two 2022 Blue Bird gas buses were discussed and approved.
- Board members approved a request for surplus materials at Swainsboro Middle School.
- The continuance of the Family Connection fiscal agreement was discussed and approved by board members.
- Dr. Kevin A. Judy addressed board members with the ECI modification certification.
- Board members were then addressed with discussion of the Governor's bonus pay to school system employees. The board agreed to honor a one-time payment of \$1,000 to all school system employees.

Discussion and action were then held on virtual students attending prom this year. The board approved virtual students to participate in this year's prom events if they choose to do so.

In reference to superintendent comments:

- Dr. Judy thanked Swainsboro Elementary school administrators Valorie Watkins and Lara Norton for hosting the meeting and for the phenomenal job they have done this year keeping the students and school safe while also focusing on academics.
- He then went over the 2021 GSBA Summer Conference registration sheets with board members for those that would like to attend. John Allen Bailey was elected as delegate and Phyllis Dixon was elected as the alternate delegate to attend this conference.
- Chandra Hooks presented the Summer Feeding Program for this upcoming summer break. Details for this year's program were provided, entailing minor changes to this year's distributions. Changes include one location change in the Oak Park area as well as distribution dates being changes from daily to once a week. Hooks outlined that enough meals would be provided to students for a 7-day basis, with weekly drop offs set to fall on Tuesdays. She further announced assistance being received from the Augusta area during the month of July as a collaboration effort to ensure youth are fed while not attending school.
- It was announced that a called board meeting would be held on Monday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the central office for the board to go over superintendent applications.
- Dr. Judy announced that the second round of COVID vaccinations would be given Friday, April 16.
- Dr. Judy then noted that he would be attending the 2021 Spring Bootstrap Conference on April 21-22.
- Board members then took action on discussion held on the consent agenda. With a unanimous vote, the consent agenda was approved as presented.

The board then entered into executive session.



DR. JUDY PRESENTS PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO KEA

Upon re-entering normal session, the following was announced:

- Board members approved the employment of certified personnel Hunter Braswell, Barry S. Golden Jr., Rebecca McNeely, Christian Novak, Christopher Pye, and Chiquita Smith - teachers.
- The board approved the employment of classified personnel Jessica Arms, Maurielle Harmon, Brittany Meade, Erica Smith, and Gail Williams, substitute teachers; Sonya Cunningham, substitute nurse; Shateria Jenkins, substitute bus driver; and Geraldine Rountree, substitute custodian.
- Board members approved the resignation of certified personnel Sallie Jane Claxton, Jennifer Horton, Jennifer Phillips, and Malorie Rivera - teachers.
- The board approved the resignation of classified personnel Tommy Neal, bus driver; Bryanna Riner, clerical; and Mallory Wheeler, paraprofessional.
- Board members approved the transfer of certified employees Marla Hooks and Dena Walden, teachers.

2021 STAR Students...

(Continued on page 7A)
collegiate honor society in 2020 and was a recipient of the DAR Youth Citizenship Award in 2017. She holds the scuba certification level of Master Scuba Diver and has completed several other certifications such as Rescue Diver, CPR/1st Aid, and "Scubility Dive Buddy" and "Scubility Surface Buddy," being certified to provide assistance above and below the waves to wounded warriors and other disabled persons during their adventures in the underwater world.

When asked why she chose Mr. Joseph Korwin as her STAR Teacher, she replied with the following: "Mr. Korwin was the first teacher to come to mind as my choice for STAR Teacher, and for good reason. Along with having a great sense of humor, he also has a great amount of respect for his students while remaining realistic about the world with them. Additionally, I always loved the way that he promoted individuality and independent thinking and encouraged my class to be their own people; in his own words, he encouraged us to be "lions" in a world of "sheep." Despite only having his class for one semester during my freshman year, the impact that his class made on me remains through the way that I took some of his teachings to heart. It is evident that he puts in a great amount of effort to teach material that will not only help students in school but outside of school and in the future as well. This is why I see him as a true STAR Teacher."

ECI STAR Teacher

Joseph Korwin, or as his students call him "Coach Korwin", is in his 5th year of teaching, all of which have been at Emanuel County Institute. Korwin has a bachelor's degree in English from Georgia Southern University. He added a Master of Arts in English and then Teaching in 2015 and 2017 respectively from Georgia Southern. This coming year he will begin his Educational Specialist (Ed.S) degree in Teacher Leadership from Valdosta State University.

Currently, Korwin teaches 9th and 10th grade World Literature.

Coach Korwin is proud to be an active member of the teaching staff at ECI. He has been coaching in various capacities for four years at ECI. He is an assistant coach and Defensive Coordinator for the Middle School Football team. This gives him a chance to get to know and interact with students he will have in the 9th grade. Previously, he coached middle school boys' basketball for two years before becoming a Boys' Varsity Basketball assistant coach in 2019.

Unfortunately, Coach Korwin only got to teach Nikki once, in 9th Grade Honors World Literature. While Nikki was always a very quiet student, from the second she entered his class, he could tell she was able to think about concepts in both a creative and methodical way. He always admired her ability to see the little details within stories or pieces of writing that made them uniquely good or bad. This ability made her an excellent writer when it came to both essays and narrative. Nikki was excellent to have in a literature class, because whenever the class would finish a discussion on a text, Nikki would politely raise her hand and throw out a perspective previously not discussed or noticed. Sometimes, all Coach Korwin could reply was, "Oh, yeah." and "Wow, Nikki, that's a good point, thanks for catching that." Korwin is positive that Nikki's hard-working attitude applied to all her classes and will continue to do so as she moves forward to college and adulthood.

SHS STAR Student

Andrew Lamb is the eighteen-year-old son of Andrea Roberts and Jody Lamb. In addition to being named Star Student, he has received numerous other accolades throughout his time in high school such as being named the valedictorian for Swainsboro High School's class of 2021. He has also been named a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award for both Emanuel County and the

Georgia State Society NS-DAR Southeast District, a semifinalist for the United States Youth Senate Program, and was selected as an alternate for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program in mathematics. Throughout his time in high school, Andrew has served on student council all four

years and has also been a member of FBLA and Beta Club, placing second in the Division 1 Mathematics Competition at the National Beta Convention during his freshman year.

After high school, Andrew will be attending the University of Georgia as a member of the Honors Program. In addition, he has been selected as one of only forty-eight people to be awarded the Bernard Ramsey Scholarship, one of UGA's highest merit-based awards, and looks forward to taking advantage of all the research and travel opportunities that the Ramsey Scholarship offers. He plans on majoring in Cognitive Science and attending medical school after graduation.

Andrew has selected Mrs. Selena Reynolds, his teacher for AP United States History during his sophomore year, as his Star Teacher. Despite being a difficult class, Mrs. Reynolds's passion for the subject and genuine care for her students resulted in APUSH being Andrew's favorite class during his high school career. She has an extraordinary desire to help her students in any way possible. Because of this, Andrew considers Mrs. Reynolds to be a great role model and it is with the utmost honor that he names her as his Star Teacher.

SHS STAR Teacher

Selena Reynolds is a social studies teacher at Swainsboro High School. A graduate of Metter High School, Mrs. Reynolds attended Brewton-Parker College and earned her bachelor's degree in History Education in 1996. After teaching her first year at Portal High School, Mrs. Reynolds came to Swainsboro High School in 1997. She later earned her master's and Educational Specialist degrees in Secondary Social Science Education from Georgia Southern University.

Throughout her career, she has been named a National Board Certified Teacher, earned gifted endorsement, and received certification to teach AP U.S. History. She was named Swainsboro High School's and Emanuel County's Teacher of the Year for the 2006-2007 school term. While at Swainsboro High School, Mrs. Reynolds has served as the social studies department chair and student council advisor. She currently teaches U.S. History II and AP U.S. History and is a member of Emanuel County 4T (Teams Transforming Teaching Together). Mrs. Reynolds is also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society for women educators. Being a classroom teacher allows Mrs. Reynolds the opportunity to interact directly with students and develop important relationships while sharing her passion for history. As a member of Swainsboro First Baptist Church, Mrs. Reynolds also enjoys working with children by volunteering in the nursery and the children's church program. In addition to history, her passions include gardening, reading, traveling, and cooking. She lives in Swainsboro with her husband Brett and their daughter Savannah, a junior at Swainsboro High School.

Having the opportunity to teach Andrew Lamb and be selected as his STAR Teacher is certainly one of the highlights of Mrs. Reynolds's career. Andrew has such intellectual promise and his character is beyond reproach. He is just as talented in reading and comprehending complex texts and writing powerful essays as he is solving complex math problems. His work habits mirror his academic performance. Andrew is not afraid of challenges and puts forth his best effort with each and every task. Despite his success, Andrew always strives to do better, and he graciously accepts constructive criticism and guidance. Andrew is certainly the epitome of what it means to be a "star" student.

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STAR begins each year in participating high schools throughout Georgia when the STAR Student is named and chooses a STAR Teacher to share in this recognition. The students and their teachers are honored by their schools and receive special recognition in their communities from one of the more than 170 statewide civic organizations and businesses that serve as local sponsors of the STAR program. Students then compete for school system titles, and those winners compete for region honors. Region Winners compete for the honor of being named State PAGE STAR Student. STAR Teachers continue on with their STAR Students at every level of the program.

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Miss Olliff, Mr. Wilkes plan May wedding

Mr. Danny Olliff of Metter proudly announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Danielle J. Olliff, to Mr. Weston Don Wilkes. He is the son of Don and Tammy Wilkes of Swainsboro and father of Weston "Tate" Wilkes also of Swainsboro.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of David Emanuel Academy and 2012 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene. Miss Olliff has been employed with Dr. William Clance in Metter since 2012. She is the granddaughter of

Patsy Bowen of Metter, the late Jack Bowen and the late Jim Frank and Joy Olliff of Metter. Miss Olliff is also the daughter of the late Brenda Olliff of Metter.

The future groom is a 2005 graduate of Swainsboro High School. He is an employee of United Parcel Service and has been since 2006. Mr. Wilkes is the grandson of Mae H. Kelly, the late Jimmy Kelly of Swainsboro, and the late Velton and Edith Wilkes, both of Covena.

A private family ceremony is planned for May 8, 2021 at Lake Oconee, Georgia.



MISS NEWSOME AND MR. BENNETT

Miss Newsome to wed Mr. Bennett in Fall ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Alan Newsome of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Malia Sky Newsome, to Mr. Cody Ridge Bennett. He is the son of Gregory L. Bennett of Swainsboro and Shannon Blackwell Bennett of Dublin.

The bride-elect is a graduate of David Emanuel Academy and is currently employed at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Hawaii as an airport screener. Miss Newsome is the granddaughter of George Randall Holder of Swainsboro, Wynette June Newsome of Kite, the late N.H. Newsome of Kite, and the late Barbara

C. Holder of Swainsboro. The future groom is a graduate of Trinity Christian School. He is employed by the United States Navy as an information system technician and surface rescue swimmer and is currently stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Bennett is the grandson of Annette Johnson Blackwell of Swainsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boyd of Dublin, Leonard "Pee Wee" Bennett of Nunez, and the late James H. Blackwell of Swainsboro.

The wedding has been set for August 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. at H.G. Yeomans Barn. A reception will follow at the same location. Formal invitations will be sent.

Total Wellness Session scheduled for May 18

The second session of the 2021 Total Wellness Series is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, at noon, at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College. Emanuel Medical Center will provide useful information

on COVID-19 and vaccinations. Bailey Creamer, Director of Pharmacy, will provide the program. The session is FREE and is made possible through a partnership with Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, East Georgia State College,

Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company, UGA Extension, and CarePartners. There is no cost to participate, and enrollment is limited to 20 people. The session will feature lunch, a presentation, handouts and door prizes. Social dis-

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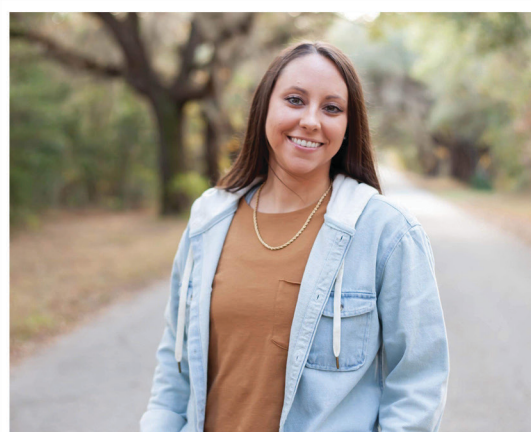
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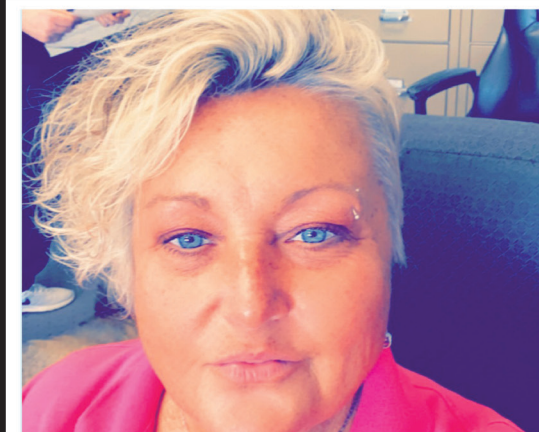
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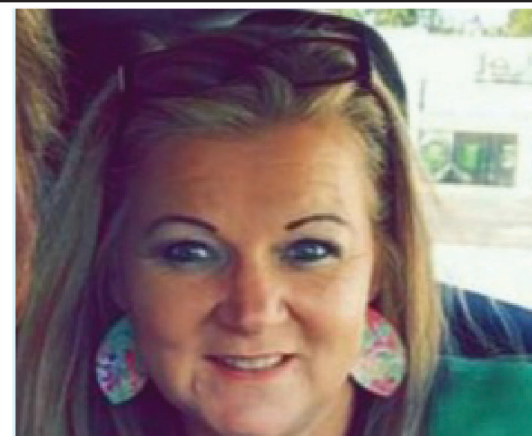
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Glad Garden Club hosting tree planting ceremony

Emanuel County has had a tremendous number of losses and survivors affected by COVID-19. In honor and in memory of these individuals, Glad Garden Club will host a tree planting ceremony at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro on Friday, April 30, National Arbor Day, at 2 p.m. All survivors and families are invited to attend.



LIBRIZZI, WILSON AND PULLEN

ECI FBLA attends state conference

Ten ECI FBLA members participated in the Virtual Georgia FBLA State Leadership Conference on March 23. Congratulations to FBLA members for a very successful State Leadership Conference. Members included Andrea Pullen, Catarina Wilson, Breana Librizzi, Alaya Hudson, Taylor Radford, Kati-Brooke Hooks, Salma Cueva, Faith Mincey, Lily Robertson and Destiny Akridge.

Leading up to the conference, members com-

peted in various events. On the day of the event, they participated in opening session, numerous leadership classes online and the Awards of Excellence program. The chapter received awards that included being named a Superior Gold Chapter in the Chapter of the Year program. They received tenth overall chapter in the Division 2 of Chapter of the Year Program. The chapter also placed fifth in the Market Share Award.

Mrs. Jessica Smith, adviser, was recognized during the opening session for her three year term on the GA FBLA state board of directors. Pullen was also recognized as serving this year as Region 4 Area vice president. Mincey and Cueva placed seventh in Broadcast Journalism.

Mrs. Smith stated, "I am extremely proud of this group of students. They have worked very hard to ensure success in a very challenging year!"

Glad Garden Club making plans

On Monday April 12, 2021, the Glad Garden Club held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Sudie A. Fulford community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College. The club's March meeting had to be rescheduled due to the sudden illness and subsequent emergency surgery of club president, Sylvia Durden. After many days in ICU and continued hospitalization, Durden is now recuperating at home. Recuperation will be long and the club's continued prayers are with her and her family.

Members of the Glad Garden Club would like to welcome new member, BeeBee Connell of Swainsboro. The club is excited in anticipation of its Arbor Day celebration. Arbor Day began on April 10, 1872 by a journalist, Julius Sterling Morton, as he and his wife had purchased 160 acres of desolate land in Nebraska and with the support of the agricultural board, led the challenge to plant trees. It is said that about one mil-

lion trees were planted that year. National Arbor Day is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April, although some states celebrate Arbor Day at different times of the year to ensure that the trees are in the best environment to thrive. Arbor Day is celebrated by the planting of trees with an emphasis on caring for them as a way to protect our planet's natural resources. It is a day dedicated to trees.

In anticipation of National Arbor Day, the Glad Garden Club will host a tree planting ceremony on April 30 at 2 p.m. in honor and memory of those that have been affected by COVID-19. After a short program, a white dogwood tree will be planted at the entrance to the Emanuel County Medical Center. All first responders, survivors and families are invited to attend.

The Glad Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., the Deep South Region, the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and the Oleander District.



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SAR members attend banquet

Members of the Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapter's, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution attended the annual Screven County Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Friday night, March 19. The banquet was held in a very nice, outside meeting house on a cool night. There were gas heaters providing heat throughout the room. Many awards were given to local businesses and individuals throughout the night as members in attendance dined on tacos and desserts.

Those in attendance from the Brier Creek Chapter were Past President Lee Smith, President Wayne Howard and his wife, Laura. Those in attendance from the Wiregrass Chapter were President Wilder Smith Jr., Vice President Steve Burke and his wife, Renee, Registrar Dess Smith III and John Tapley.

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Blayne Webb



This week's Cook of the Week is Blayne Webb. He is the six-year-old son of Jeb and Libby Webb. Blayne is currently in Kindergarten at David Emanuel Academy. Blayne says when he grows up, he wants to be a hunting guide, just like his daddy! Blayne is an avid outdoorsman and joke teller, but also enjoys helping in the kitchen. Here are three of his favorite recipes. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of *Blayne*

Mississippi Sin Dip

1 loaf French bread
1 1/2 c. sour cream
2 c. shredded cheddar cheese
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1/3 c. chopped green onion
1/2 c. chopped ham
1/3 c. chopped green chilies
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Dash of Tabasco
Dash of salt and pepper

Hollow bread. Mix all ingredients and pour inside. Wrap bread in foil. Bake at 350°F for one hour. Add Worcestershire, Tabasco (optional) and salt and pepper. Serve with bread pieces that were hollowed out and/or dip style Fritos.



From the kitchen of *Blayne*

Grilled Venison Backstrap

2 lbs. venison backstrap
6 strips bacon
2 c. Italian dressing
6 oz. Dale's steak sauce
1/2 c. white wine
Salt and pepper to taste

Wrap backstrap with bacon strips. Mix all remaining ingredients to make marinade. Marinate meat for at least four hours. Grill on indirect heat for about 20 to 30 minutes. Serves 6



From the kitchen of *Blayne*

Mama's Red Velvet Cake

2 1/2 c. self-rising flour
1 c. buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 c. red food coloring
1 1/2 c. sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. baking soda
3 tsp. cocoa

Frosting:

1 1/3 sticks butter, softened
10 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 lb. box powdered sugar
2 c. chopped pecans

Preheat oven 350°F. Mix all cake ingredients with electric mixer. Spray three cake pans well with non-stick spray. Divide batter evenly between pans. Bake 20 minutes or until done.

For frosting, mix butter and cream cheese together well. Add sugar and 1 1/2 cups nuts. Frost cake when cool. Use remaining 1/2 cup nuts to top of cake.

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Franklin Memorial holds recital in the park

Franklin Memorial Library held a Recital in Harmon Park on Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m. About two dozen people attended and were treated to popcorn and juice while listening to guitar music played by the Library's Guitar Ensemble. The Guitar Ensemble played three pieces: *If I Had My Ticket*, *I Will Follow Him*, and *Stand By Me*. In addition to the Guitar Ensemble, Chairman of the Library Board David Morgan played a special guest number entitled *Wildwood Flower*.



GUITAR ENSEMBLE MEMBER RENZO WITH GUITAR AT FRANKLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This group meets every Monday at 4 p.m. in the library's

Smith Room. Please call the library if you have children interested in joining the Guitar Ensemble. The Guitar Ensemble is made possible through a generous donation from the Mill Creek Foundation.

Wiggins reminisces on days as employee of The Dixie Theater

At a young age, during his teenage years, Mr. Edgar Wiggins entered into the work field as an employee of The Dixie Theater. His first job role was taking up tickets for the shows. During this time, the price to pay for entertainment at the local theater would run anywhere between 10 cent and 50 cent per ticket, according to Wiggins during a recent interview.



PICTURE OF OLD DIXIE THEATER

After learning the ropes of theater entry, Wiggins eventually was shifted over to the concession stands, where citizens would purchase popcorn, candy bars, and soda.



A COUPLE OF WIGGINS'S ENTERTAINMENT COLLECTIONS PLAYED AT HOME

"It was the best popcorn you'd ever eat," Wiggins chuckled while speaking on the good ole days of The Dixie Theater. "Working as a theater employee, popcorn and coke were free. It was so good; we'd make ourselves sick eating so much."

how to play the films and I was so thankful that he did," Wiggins commented.

that was once located on Highway 80.

some of his favorite films at his house that were once viewed by theater audiences, except he now plays them on machines compatible with newer technology while still reminiscing his days as a Dixie Theater employee. The Dixie Theater is still in the process of coming back to life. Stay tuned for future updates and flashbacks from individuals in upcoming editions of *The Blade!*

Apart from the perks of scrumptious concession stand items on the house, theater employees would also be able to catch glimpses of the films played from time to time, which eventually inspired Wiggins to learn the roles of the projectionist who played entertainment for locals at the historic theater.

While learning the job of a projectionist, Wiggins was able to learn a lot in his position, such as screen sizes, how to create 3D effects, and much more. In fact, his desire to learn more at the Dixie Theater landed him a special position as manager at The Dixie Theater Drive-In

Many movie-goers may recall the excitement of watching their favorite cowboy shows, chapter features, cartoons, and the presentation of Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*, all following Wiggins announcing, "Ladies and gentlemen, this drive-in is proud to announce the showing of..."

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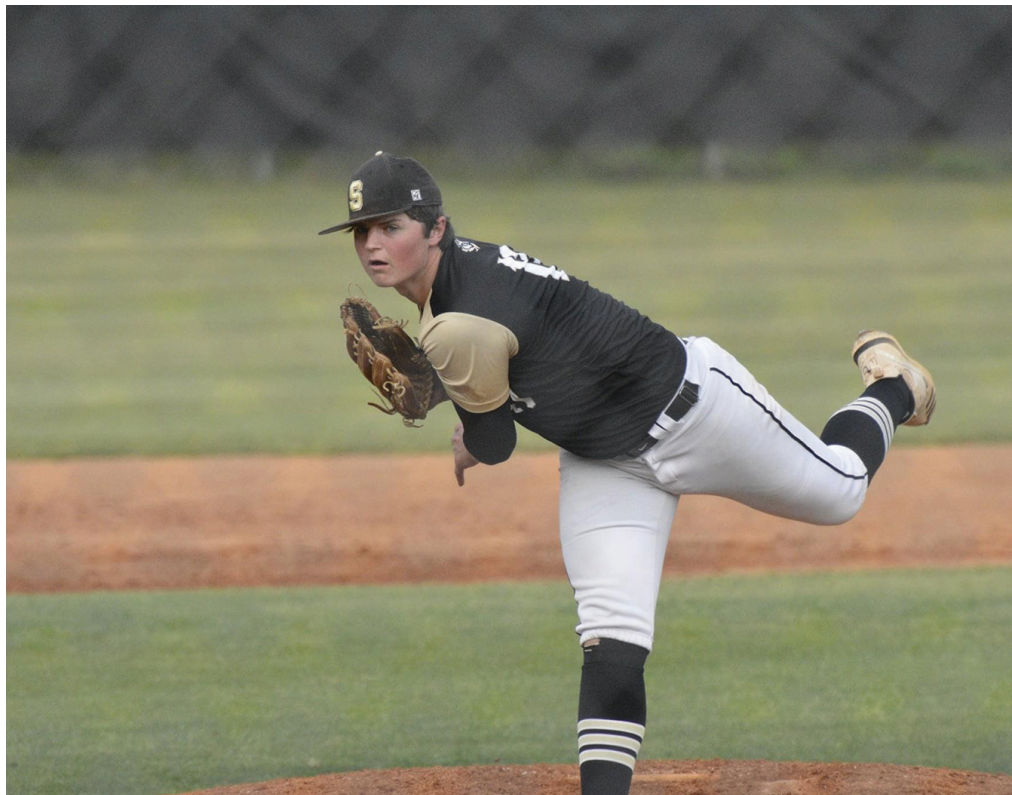
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EDENFIELD DELIVERS A BIG PITCHING EFFORT IN VICTORY

Swainsboro Tigers to battle Toombs County for spot in playoffs

by TROUP BRINSON
The Swainsboro Tigers took 2 of 3 games from Bacon County last week to position themselves for a chance at their first state playoff appearance in 7 years. The Tigers have the same 5-7 region record as Toombs County and are currently tied with the Bulldogs for the 4th spot, will need to take 2 of 3 games from their neighbors to the south to move on past this final regular season series.

Swainsboro is in this position because a terrific week against the Red Raiders. The Tigers hosted Bacon County on Tuesday and won a thriller as extra innings were needed to break the 2-2 tie. Swainsboro prevailed when Elijah Loyd hit a deep sacrifice fly to score Brandon Chapman with the winning run in the

bottom of the 9th inning. Lenox Lively pitched 8 spectacular innings and Loyd pitched a perfect 9th for the win.

On Wednesday in Bacon County, Swainsboro was put away before all the fans were seated as the Red Raiders hung 6 runs on starting pitcher Kason Palmer in the 1st inning. Bacon County would win going away 10-2 to even the series.

On Friday, Kaleb Edenfield took the mound for the first time since early in the season due to an injury. Edenfield got off to a shaky start, giving up hits to the first two hitters to trail 1-0 almost immediately. The Tigers put out the fire and responded with a run in the bottom half as Edenfield doubled in Tate Thompson to tie the game. Swainsboro took control

of the game with 4 more runs in the bottom of the 2nd inning and the offense began to roll. Two more runs in the 3rd inning made the score 7-1 and 4 more runs in the 5th inning put the game out of reach and gave Swainsboro a huge 11-2 win. Edenfield pitched 4 innings and allowed 4 hits, relieved by Loyd for the final 3 scoreless innings. Harrison Jones had 3 hits and 2 runs batted in for the winning Tigers.

The Tigers now control their own destiny in terms of a post season berth. Win 2 out of 3 games and Swainsboro will nudge out Toombs County for the final spot. Tuesday and Friday games will be at Tiger Field with Thursday's game in Lyons. Swainsboro last made the playoffs in 2014.

GCAA names Lee Player of the Week

An East Georgia State College softball player has been named a Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) player of the week. Alaina Lee has been selected as Player of the Week. Lee had a .588 batting average, 8 R, 4 2B, 1 HR, 7 RBI's 1.000 slugging % in 6 games played recently.



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Bulldogs locked in at third in Region

by RON WEATHER-FORD

With just one week and two games left in the regular season, the ECI Bulldog baseball team is locked in at third in region standings after two region losses last week.

There are 3 teams at 5-7 who will be fighting for the fourth spot this week. Jenkins Co., Bryan Co., and McIntosh have just two games left. Jenkins has two games against Screven this week while Bryan and McIntosh play each other in a two game series.

Going into last week the Bulldogs were 8-2 in region, tied with Claxton. ECI had a loss to Bryan Co. and McIntosh Co. with a chance to solidify second with a sweep of Claxton and a chance at the region title with two games left against Metter the last week of the season.

ECI lost both games to the Tigers last week with

a 6-3 loss at home on Tuesday and a 6-4 loss in Claxton on Friday to put the team 8-4 in region.

Metter holds on to the number one spot with a 11-1 record and Claxton passed the Bulldogs for second with a 10-2 region record. Claxton plays one win Portal this week and should win both of those games.

Metter and ECI play this week, Tuesday (yesterday at Metter) and Thursday at Joe Harvey Field.

When two teams are evenly matched a mistake or error at the wrong time can make a difference in the game as it did in both games with Claxton last week.

The hits were virtually even for both teams in the first game on Tuesday with 8 for the Tigers and 7 for the Bulldogs.

Jack Walden and Chase Whitehead had two hits each with Bryce Kearson, Caleb Avery and PJ

Farnum getting the other three hits for the Bulldogs.

Trey Hughes went the distance on the mound allowing 8 hits, striking out two Tigers.

The Bulldogs were looking for a split on Friday in Claxton but came home with a 6-4 loss.

The top of the first got the Bulldogs on the board to take an early 1-0 lead after Robertson doubled in Kearson who was on after a single.

The Bulldog defense was feeling generous in the bottom of the inning. After two errors and a walk and no outs instead of two outs, the Tigers found themselves evening the score at 1-1 without the benefit of a hit. Four singles later the Bulldogs were down 4-1 in the first inning.

Claxton scored a run in the fourth and one in the sixth on another error for a 6-3 lead going into the seventh inning.



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The Bulldogs put two more runs on the board in the top of the sixth. They made the home team nervous in the top of the seventh. With two outs and the score 6-4 the Bulldogs had the bases loaded and a chance to tie the game but came out short with a groundout to end the

game. Kearson was perfect at the plate going 3-3 with a double. Trey Hughes ended the game going 1-3, Robertson 1-3 (dbl) and Jack Walden 1-4 (dbl).

Kearson pitched the first four innings allowing 5 runs (2 earned) on

six hits striking out three. Andrew Chalkely finished the game allowing 1 run on a hit striking out two.

Results of ECI vs Metter games along with final region standings and playoff seedings will be in next week's edition of *The Forest-Blade*.

EGSC Softball sweeps Andrew College

The East Georgia State College Softball Team completed the sweep of Andrew College on Tuesday, April 13 with two victories in Cuthbert, Ga.

The Bobcats won game one by a score of 11 to 3. EGSC was powered at the plate with homeruns by Allana Hooks and Sierra Taylor. Sierra Taylor had five RBI's in game one with a homerun and two singles. Hooks went four for four with two doubles, one single and a home run. Defensively the Bobcats provided pitcher Britney Foster with great stops by Dani Wells, Stephanie Ruffin and Taylor Morgan. Foster got the win allowing just three runs on five hits and six strikeouts.

In game two the Bobcats won 14 to 4 as they continued their power hitting. Sierra Taylor hit two more homeruns in game two, with Mackenzie Wilkerson adding a homerun as the Bobcats pounded out 17 hits in game two. Madison Bussell got the win on the hill allowing six hits in four innings of work and just three runs.



EGSC SOFTBALL TEAM



EGSC MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

EGSC men's basketball 2020-2021 season recap

The 2020-2021 East Georgia State College Men's Basketball season has come to an exciting but tough ending. The Bobcat's season was cut short in the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) Championship against South Georgia State.

The season began for the Bobcats with a new head coach. Travis Garrett was named the interim head coach of the team. Garrett comes to Swainsboro from Americus, Georgia, and brings over 20 years of coaching and recruiting experience.

"The student athletes must learn a whole new way of doing things and sometimes that can be difficult, but they found a way to get through it and played great basketball down the stretch," said Garrett. "I am super proud of the team's resilience by not giving up

and the will to keep fighting when things weren't going our way early in the season. I started noticing a change in the team during the game against Central Georgia Tech. Even though we lost, I saw a change from the team and from that point on, we started playing better especially down the stretch. I truly think the way we finished turned some heads in the basketball world because this was the first time EGSC played in the GCAA Championship game since 2013 when they won the championship. Now the foundation has started, and I am excited about the future of the program."

The Bobcats entered the playoffs an eighth seed and played Georgia Highlands the number one seed and 16th ranked nationally team. The team had claimed the victory over

EGSC the week before 100-64, but EGSC defeated Georgia Highlands 93-87 in this match-up. This has never happened in GCAA history before. In the GCAA semifinals EGSC found a way to win at the end against three-time tournament champions Central Tech. EGSC fell in the championship to the number two seed South Georgia State. The final score was 69-75.

"Nobody wants to finish second, but under the circumstances, I could not be prouder of the student athletes as I am today. We are excited to get started again in August. The best is yet to come," said Garrett.

Men's basketball player Preston Crisp was named GCAA Second Team and All-Tournament Team. Brison Rockcliffe was named GCAA All-Tournament.

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MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for the position of Maintenance Superintendent. This is a full-time salaried career position with benefits and reports directly to the Director or Assistant Director. This position requires the ability to supervise a staff of 3-5 full-time maintenance employees. This position will be responsible for day-to-day maintenance of all parks, playgrounds, buildings, splash pad, fountain, and other facilities. Must have a general working knowledge of construction, electrical, plumbing, etc. Must have knowledge of methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in maintenance. Some experience or knowledge of field or turf management, including herbicide and pesticide applications are preferred. Must be skilled in the operation of tractors, backhoes, mowers, power tools, etc. This position schedules all staff work assignments for events at the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Auditorium. This position may occasionally require working evenings and weekends.

Other duties and responsibilities as necessary. Successful applicant must possess a valid Georgia driver's license, be able to pass a physical, criminal background check, drug screen and have an acceptable driving record. Must have a Chemical Application License from the State Department of Agriculture or acquire a license within the first 12 months of employment. The position requires mobility and the ability to stand for long periods, stoop, kneel, reach, climb, manipulate objects, tools, and controls. The position may require lifting objects weighing up to 75 lbs. Knowledge and competency commonly associated with a high school diploma or the completion of a G.E.D. preferred. Interested applicants can submit their resume by mail to Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks & Recreation Department, P.O. Box 724, Swainsboro, GA 30401 or email to tmangieri17@aol.com. Applicants can also submit their resumes in person at the Recreation Department located at 632 McLeod Bridge Road, Swainsboro, Ga 30401. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2021.

For more information contact Tony Mangieri at 237-8098 Monday through Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

Lady Bobcats win two, lose two on the road

The East Georgia State College Lady Bobcats Softball Team won two conference games last week and lost two conference games.

The Bobcats started the week off with a two-game sweep of Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga., on Tuesday. The team won both games by scores of 11 to 3 and 14 to 4. EGSC was led on the mound by Britney Foster, Madison Bussell, and Maddie Cash. In game one at Andrew College the Bobcat's bats were full of life as Sierra Taylor hit two homeruns in game one with five RBIs. Alaina Lee, Allana Hooks, Stephanie Ruffin, Dani Wells, Makenzie Wilkerson, and Taylor Morgan had multiple hits for the Bobcats as they cruised to an 11 to 3 victory.

In game two Sierra Taylor hit her third homerun of the day, with Allana Hooks and Makenzie Wilkerson also hitting

homeruns for the Lady Bobcats. EGSC went on to defeat Andrew College 14 to 4 and complete the four-game sweep of Andrew on the season in conference play.

On Saturday the Bobcats traveled to Georgia Highlands in Cartersville, Ga., to take on the Chargers. The Bobcat's bats would not come to life as the Chargers took two games from the Bobcats. Sierra Taylor and Taylor Morgan each hit solo homeruns for the Bobcats in game one, but that wasn't enough as the Chargers won 5 to 3.

In game two the Chargers hit four homeruns two of which were in the first inning scoring four runs. From that point, the Chargers never looked back defeating the Bobcats 9 to 1.

"We played really well on Tuesday at Andrew, both hitting the ball and defensively. Saturday, we played good defense,

however, our bats were as cold as I have seen them all season," said Head Coach Chuck Wimberly.

Wimberly added, "We played two of our longest road trips of the season this week at Cuthbert and Cartersville, and to come out 2 and 2 on the road, I cannot be disappointed in that. Our hitting will come around and we have hit well all season so we will be ok there. Knowing that we have 2 of the 3 remaining regular season game dates at home is a plus for us, however, the road will not be easy. We play ABAC, Gordon, and GMC in our remaining games. It's all about seeding for the conference tournament and who gets home field advantage for the playoffs is what everyone is fighting for right now. Staying in the top four will be difficult as everyone is trying to put themselves in position to make a run in the tournament."



JONES NAILS ONE OVER THE FENCE AGAINST GAMECOCKS

Bulldogs unable to overcome early lead

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI middle school baseball team lost the second round of the region tournament last Thursday to end their season.

Going into the game with Screven Co., the team had a perfect 13-0 record and the favorite to capture the region crown. During the regular season, the Bulldogs easily defeated the Gamecocks 15-6 and 18-6 in the two games played.

But as they say on any given day, as Screven came into the game playing their best baseball of the year defeating the Bulldogs 12-8. The Gamecocks defeated North Tattnall 7-1 last Saturday to win the region championship.

Screven jumped on the Bulldogs for 4 runs in the bottom of the first inning on the back of a grand slam and never relinquished the lead scoring 12 runs in the first three innings.

The Bulldogs got on the

board in the first inning when Gabe Lee scored from third on a wild pitch with ECI down 4-1 in the first inning.

The Gamecocks added 3 more runs in the top for the second to lead ECI 7-1. The Bulldogs plated 3 runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to keep the score within striking distance, 7-4 going into the third inning.

Screven broke the game open in the top of the third inning scoring 5 more runs to take a commanding 12-4 lead.

ECI got back into the game in the bottom of the fourth inning scoring 4 runs with the aid of a Cayden Jones homerun to make the score 12-8 with three innings still to play.

Both pitching staffs settled down and did not allow another run the final three innings with the Gamecocks eliminating the Bulldogs from the tournament.

The team will have some shoes to fill next

sending 6 players up to the varsity level. It won't take them long to see the difference between an eighth grade and twelfth grade fast ball or curve.

Playing their last game at the middle school level are Kanyon Thompson, James Parker, Oisin Matthews, Gabe Lee, Cayden Jones, and Clayton Stripling.

"I think that we had a great season. It didn't end like we wanted but we accomplished a lot. We were able to win more in this season than the last two combined. We also saw improvements in our players and I considered that a success. Having a winning season is very important to us but helping our players to improve and to be the best that they could be is equally important. We are thankful for all the support that we have received during the year," Coach John Hodges commented.



FRONT: REESE McNEELY, KELLAN McNEELY, JJ SUTTON, AND JACKSON HODGES
BACK: COACH MATTHEW McNEELY, CHARLIE McNEELY, TY KIRBY, COACH JASON McNEELY, KIWANIS MEMBER PAGE, TANNER MITCHELL, BLANE HUTCHESON, AND COACH JESSICA HUTCHESON
NOT PICTURED: CALEB COLSTON

Play Ball!

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club's latest donation to help our community one child at the time was to the local Dixie Youth League Baseball organization. Making the presentation of the monetary support was club member Cayla Page. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, along with other civic organizations and local businesses, annually sponsors a team to participate in the Dixie Youth League Baseball Program.

Dixie Youth Baseball is a non-discriminatory community-based organization which aims to promote fair play for all participants and is fully committed to equal opportunity and abides by all applicable Federal, state, and local laws pertaining to nondiscrimination and fair practices. The coaches are all volunteers. Swainsboro Dixie Youth baseball is a family-centered program designed to improve baseball skills and teamwork for boys and girls ages 4-12.

The mission of Dixie Youth Baseball is to promote the development of strong character, a positive attitude, and a sense of responsibility and citizenship in youngsters using the game of baseball as a vehicle. It is the purpose of Dixie Youth Baseball to achieve this goal through fair play, good sportsmanship, and congenial fellowship, with adult leaders providing the example.

Over the past several years, Swainsboro teams have been regular participants in district, state, and world series tournaments traveling to states such as to Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Carolina.

If you would like to become a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis club, contact Jane Durden, membership chair, at 478-494-4113 or email her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. To learn more about Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and its many community service projects, visit the Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

Kiwanis donates to Emanuel County Early Learning Center

On March 17 members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club visited the Emanuel County Early Learning Center to donate cases of water and a check to support the Center. Representing the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club were Young Children: Priority One Chair Cheryl Goodman, EGSC Circle K member Brianna Librizzi, and Kiwanis member Tim Goodman. Principal Maria Daniels accepted the donation for the Center. Additional school supplies were also delivered to the Center on March 25. Special thanks to the faculty and staff for the many things you do each day to help your students!



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ECI announce honorary students for third nine weeks

According to Principal Anetria Edenfield, the following students have earned honors for the third nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year:

STAR HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade
JoAnna Arms, Madison Bell, Davis Johnson, Andrew Marsh, Kir Perez, Jayden Purvis, Reese Raines

Seventh Grade
Brooklyn Dorsey, Aubrey Hudson, Jacob McBride, Arachchige Salgado, Carly Salinas, Erin Stanford, Matthew Trail, Lola Walden

Eighth Grade
Jacob Avery, Kinley Grimes, Halli Kate Johnson, Spencer Lawrence, Allie Rigdon

Ninth Grade
Cola Akridge, Colton Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Alynna Hughes, James Kersey, Blake Librizzi, Aden McQuaig, Conner Merier, Ansley Moxley,

Jarei Oglesby, Haley Patel, Brailey Radford, Charles Rehberg, Arachchige Salgado, William Sasser, Jack Walden, Cameron Walker

Tenth Grade
Robert Bell, Sullee Boddiford, Charla Clifton, John Conner, Aubrey Harrison, Kaylan Lamb, Lawson Mercer, Elizabeth Millsaps, James Myers, Malaina Nasworthy, Karly Olliff, Brigett Rachels, Caroline Salinas, Maggie Smtih, David Stapleton, Carlin Stewart, Allyson Taylor, William Taylor, Martha Woodward

Eleventh Grade
Ashton Allen, Emily Chatham, Mikiyah Coney, Salma Cueva Santana, Carlton Gamble, Karime Gonzalez-Demillon, Landon Goodman, Jalasia Gordon, Nathan Headrick, Henry Hobbs, Jada Hooks, Alaya Hudson, Aconeton Marsh, Kiley Mason, Faith Mincey, Ethan Mor-

ton, Tmyra Peterson, Trevor Radford, Hoage Reynolds, Shelby Roberson, Natavus Robertson, James Sutton, Zayna Taylor, Karmen Thompson, Jamariya Turner, Kendall Wiggins, Semya Williams, Zaren Williford, Zoey Womack

Twelfth Grade
Destiny Akridge, Kaitlyn Arnold, Olivia Canady, Jack Davis, Bralie Dorsey, Destiny Foreman, Kayden Fortner, Ada Godwin, Chandler Grimes, Jacob Grimes, Madison Grimm, Trey Hughes, Kelly Joseph, Breana Librizzi, Emma Mason, Keiko McBride, Molly McBride, Cassidy Meeks, Kimberly Melchor, Andrea Pullen, Taylor Radford, Morgan Rehberg, Aubrey Rich, Haylee Roberson, Jerica Scott, Jesley Snellgrove, Alexis Wiggins, Zade Williford, Catarina Wilson

HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade

Lauran Bedgood, Turner Bryant, Alivia Conley, Aaden Cumbree, Mary Katherine Durden, Travoski Harris, Gunner Johnson, Gage Johnson, Slayden Lanigan, Ashton McNear, Austin McNear, Brayden Rich, Rashad Smith

Seventh Grade
Melvin Akridge, Tuff Boddiford, Addison Canady, Carolyn Cox, Joy Evines, Makaileigh Handson, Jay'nn Harden, Braeden Hooks, Jackson Kennedy, Max McBride, Andrea Miles, Morgan Nie, Jenna Roberson, Trinity Taylor, Grayson Thompson, Kenneth Willoughby, Evan Wilson

Eighth Grade
Cailey Fann, Raelyn Frederick, Leonel Gonzalez-Demillon, Billy Jones, Jayna Kearson, Mylie Lane, Gabriel Lee, Jacob McBride, Janna Scott, JaMyra Shivers, Grace

Swygert, Sean Wilkerson

Ninth Grade
Jasper Baker, Jackson Black, Carleigh Bridges, Andrew Chalkley, Alaina Conley, Cassie Coronado-Sutton, Ethan Cowart, Charles Creamer, Heath Davis, Malik Franklin, Asia Gibbons, James Graham, Jackelyn Hebert, Henley Johnson, Aliya McCoy, Kelcie Morris, Brycen Purvis, Zachary Rowe, Oliver Sherrod, Hunter Spears

Tenth Grade
Natalie Akridge, Tyler Alexander, Jacey Allen, Caleb Avery, Chiara Boatwright, Landen Canady, Caleb Clements, Damien Davis, LaHarry Farnum, Joseph Fullmore, Andrew Grimes, Kelsey Harper, Jolie Hawkins, Kellie Howell, Kaylan Lamb, Haden McCullough, Lamont Montgomery, Madison Murray, Abilena Nichols, Jordan Prew, Austin Rob-

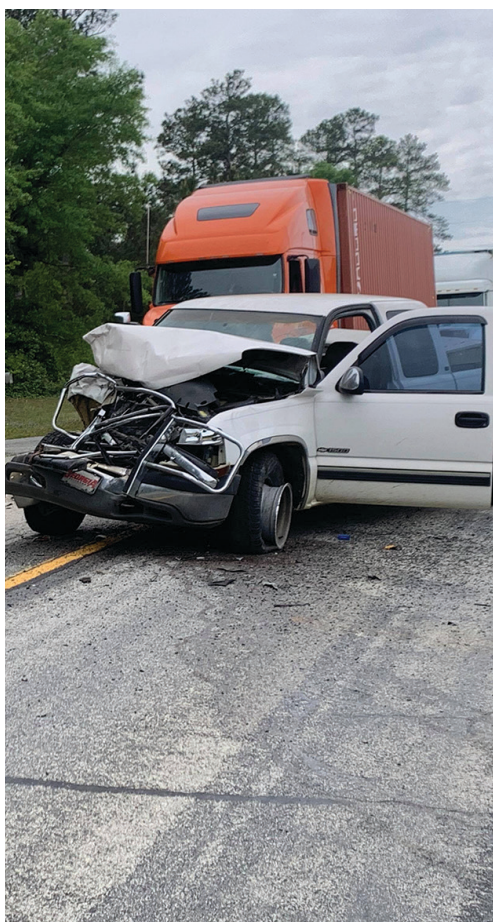
erson, Lily Robertson, Myia Steele, Shayla Stephenson, Kaden Wiese, Shanna Wilkerson

Eleventh Grade
Olivia Collins, Joshua Flanders, Zhen Folds, Travis Griffin, Marlana Griner, Gabriel Guest, Hagan Henry, Kristan Jackson, Ohm Patel, Taylor Rachels, Adam Sanders, Blake Sanders, Payne Sanders, Anna-Layne Scarboro, Rafael Silva-Tomas

Twelfth Grade
Vivian Allen, Romashia Brown, Xandria Gallon, Alexia Hammond, Brandon Hatcher, Kati-Brooke Hooks, Michael Jones, Jaci Martin, Biby Martinez, Jason Patrick, Elizabeth Ragland, De'Shun Randolph, Thad Sammons, Aaron Sherrod, N'tuturi Smith, Kylan Steele, Chase Whitehead



INVOLVED DODGE TRUCK



INVOLVED CHEVROLET TRUCK

One arrested for DUI following Friday crash

On Friday, April 16, Emanuel County emergency personnel were dispatched to the area of Kite Road and Price Williams Road in reference to a two-vehicle motor vehicle crash involving a 4-door Chevrolet 1500 truck and a 4-door Dodge Ram 2500 truck.

According to information received, the driver of the Dodge Ram truck topped a hill in the roadway and collided head-on with the driver operating

the Chevrolet truck. It was further discovered that the driver of the Chevrolet 1500, Laura Sue Williams, age 30, of a McKenzie Drive address, was driving under the influence (DUI). Williams was arrested by Georgia State Patrol and transported to the Emanuel County Jail where she was booked on charges of DUI/alcohol, expired tag, driving license suspended/revoked, and failure to yield turning left.



WILLIAMS

Wimberly speaks to Wiregrass

The Wiregrass Chapter held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, April 8, at the New China Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, there were 12 members in attendance, including one guest.

President Smith opened the meeting with the invocation, Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR. A great meal was eaten and then President Smith asked Sgt-At-Arms George King to come forward and accept two streamers, the 2020 Distinguished Chapter streamer and the 2020 Membership Streamer for the chapter to hang on its chapter flag. King also accepted the 242nd anniversary celebration of the Brier Creek Battlefield event streamer.

Vice President Steve Burke reported on chapter participation in several events since their last meeting, and, then, Registrar Dess Smith reported on events that the chapter will be participating in the next two months. Compatriot D. Smith also reported that the chapter will again be starting the 74 1/2 Pine Tree Festival on May 8, 2021 with a 6-pounder Naval Cannon shot down South Main Street.

President W. Smith then introduced the night's



FEATURED SPEAKER WIMBERLY



PRESIDENT W. SMITH PRESENTING SGT-AT-ARMS KING WITH 2-2020 AWARD STREAMERS TO HANG ON CHAPTER FLAG

speaker, Frank Wimberly, who has been teaching history at Emanuel County Institute for more than 10 years. Wimberly's topic was entitled **Lukewarm Patriots: The Scots Irish in the Southern**

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BARK IN THE BORO'S NEW SHELTER

New shelter installed at Bark in the Boro

During the month of April, a new shelter was installed at Bark in the Boro to help provide a cool environment for dog owners while taking their four-legged companions to play at the local dog park. The new shelter was installed by Handi-House employees. Prior to the installation of the new shelter, the Emanuel County Humane Society also donated and planted trees at the park.

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department encourages all dog owners to come out and take advantage of the Bark in the Boro Dog Park and all its amenities. The park features a setup for both dog owners and their companions, including a watering station and pet waste stations.

Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB).

Jeremy Ryan Rogers-Lane, 27, 141 Harrison Dr, entered 4/12/21; Entering auto; ECSO

Jasmine Denise Riley, 30, 1526 Colony Circle, Stone Mtn, entered 4/12/21; Speeding < 14 MPH over/

Driving lic susp/rev; released 4/12/21; ECSO

William Ashley Douglas, 32, 54 Panther Rd, entered 4/12/21; Probation/ Superior court/Bench warrant; ECSO

Christopher Ottis Gay, 36, 150 Kemp Rd, entered 4/12/21; Disorderly conduct; released 4/13/21; ECSO

James Dewey Gregory, 34, 141 Injunction Rd, entered 4/13/21; Theft/ shoplifting; released 4/13/21; WALK-IN

Romeo Cruz Lopez, 36, 322 Ga Hwy 192 N, Twin City, entered 4/13/21; Speeding < 14 MPH over/ Driving while unlicensed/ expired; released 4/13/21; SPD

Kelby D'Sean Durden, 17, 41 Longleaf Dr, entered 4/13/21; Hold for Bulloch Co; released 4/13/21; SPD

Nathaniel Brunson, 35, 212 Queen St, Twin City, entered 4/13/21; Parole violation; ECSO

Donald Lee Collins, 56, 488 N. Jefferson St, Lyons,

entered 4/13/21; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA dang drugs/ fail to sign prescription; ECSO

Kimberly Latrell Carswell, 40, 328 S. Green ST, entered 4/14/21; DUI/ alch/DUI/endangering child/DUI/endangering child/Obstr/ofc; released 4/14/21; GSP

Warren Clifton Williams, 52, 83 Williams Rd, Kite, entered 4/14/21; Burglary; ECSO

Johnnie Lee Dixon, Jr, 33, 254 Glenwood Rd, entered 4/14/21; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Ronnie Lavell Thomas, 38, 323 S. 3rd St, Stillmore, entered 4/14/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Vincent Demond Cannady, 38, 116 S. Racetrack St, entered 4/14/21; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Brian Antonio Coleman, 41, 252 Abundant St, entered 4/14/21; Bond revocation; ECSO

Goodwin Darnelle Horton, 38, 85 Bake Lane, Oxford, entered 4/14/21; Obstr/ofc/Battery; ECSO

Markiee Quantas Jones, 41, 422 West St, entered 4/14/21; Sentenced to State; ECSO

Jebori Leonard Wilson, 39, 310 Cotton Ave, Metter, entered 4/14/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Suspended registration/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 4/15/21; ECSO

Mary Jessie Gregory, 26, 120 Buckwill Dr, entered 4/15/21; Bond revocation; ECSO

John William Smith, 38, 308 Ellis St, Metter, entered 4/15/21; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Sean Robert Speed, Jr, 26, Sunset Inn, entered 4/15/21; Disorderly conduct/Bench warrant; SPD

Corey Lamar Jackson, 46, Sunset Inn, entered 4/15/21; Disorderly conduct; released 4/17/21; SPD

Niko De'Marious Gates, 23, 206 Fowler ST, entered

4/16/21; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Laura Sue Williams, 30, 103 McKenzie Dr, entered 4/16/21; DUI/alch/ Expired tag/Driving lic susp/rev/Other; GSP

Justin Miles Pope, 31, 2114 Pitts Pineview Hwy, Pineview, entered 4/16/21; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 4/16/21; SPD

Christian Aubrey Brendel, 17, 32 N. Prong Rd, entered 4/16/21; Reckless driving/Alcohol bev-undr age/consump/ purch/furn/sell; released 4/16/21; ECSO

Tyrone Jamal Powell, 22, 3210 Fernridge Dr, Albany, entered 4/16/21; Hold for out of county billing; ECSO

Ricky Joe Frawley, 31, 3395 Gough Rd, Louisville, entered 4/17/21; Failure to maintain lane/ DUI/ alch/DUI/endangering child/Seatbelt violation; released 4/18/21; GSP

Kendell Deshawn Flournoy, 27, 216 7th

St, entered 4/18/21; VGCSA possession mar-

jjuana/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Probation/ State court/Middle Ga Probation/ Probation/ State court/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Christopher Ottis Gay, 36, 150 Kemp Rd, entered 4/18/21; Disorderly conduct; ECSO

Dylan Wayne Bryan, 33, 311 W. James St., Adrian, entered 4/18/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Speeding < 14 MPH over; released 4/18/21; GSP

Omari Malik Williams, 23, 165 Tucker Church Rd, Wrightsville, entered 4/18/21; Flee/attempt to elude police/Speeding < 14 MPH over/Reckless driving/Driving while unlicensed/expired/ Seatbelt violation/Failure to maintain lane/Other/ Hold for Johnson County; ECSO

Sheriff's Reports

According to the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...

April 11

Deputy responded to Hwy 57 in Kite for a social security fraud report. Upon arrival, deputy made contact with complainant who stated that someone hacked into her DOL account where she turns in her unemployment and changed PINs and her method of payment to reroute to an unknown checking account.

Victim stated that he and offender had been living together and she left about 3 months ago, but let her go to his residence and get some of her belongings. C/o further stated that offender left his residence, then he left to go to WalMart. When he returned home, offender was in his yard in her car with some of his belongings and would not give them back, and left.

April 12

Deputy responded to Kemp Rd. for a possible domestic dispute. Upon arrival, he made contact with both parties involved. Offender was arrested and taken to the EmCo Det. Ctr.

Deputies, along with Em. Fire & Em. EMS, responded to I16 for a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, one fire truck was already on scene extinguishing the fire located at the rear end of the trailer. The tractor had been detached from the trailer. The fire left damage to the enclosed trailer and some of the items inside.

Deputy spoke with complainant at the ECSO in reference to his neighbor.

Deputy responded to Harrison Dr. and met with victim in reference to a stolen vehicle incident that was said to have occurred. Victim stated offender took her vehicle without her knowledge. Victim further stated that she later discovered through a third-party contact via a family member that the offender had taken the vehicle to a Morning Dove Ln. address. Upon further investigation, contact was made with the witness and offender during which time the vehicle was located and identified as stolen. While on scene, contact was made with offender and he was placed under arrest. During the time of contact with the victim, she states she wanted to press charges against offender.

Complainant stated she has been keeping an eye on some property on Buckeye Rd. and a witness has been staying on the property to keep an eye on things due

to c/o living in Vidalia. C/o stated that she went by to check on the property while the witness was at work and found the property to be destroyed with tools and belongings scattered all over the yard, and the front door had been kicked in. C/o further stated that tires and rims were missing off of several of the vehicles sitting in the yard, along with windows of the vehicles busted out. Items were also missing from the property.

Complainant stated offender damaged his new phone rendering it useless and stated offender ran into his 2009 Cobalt causing damage.

April 13

Deputies responded to Hummingbird Rd. for a possible overdose. Deputies and EMS arrived on scene and spoke with complainant and attempted to speak with the offender in which was called about. Offender was detained due to intoxication and transported to EMC where he accepted treatment and was released to hospital staff. Offender later called after leaving the hospital and went to the SPD.

Offender was transported to EMC ER by family members in reference to a 1013 order and was released to ER staff for eval/treatment.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 E. for a single vehicle accident. GSP was requested and scene was turned over to them for investigation upon arrival. Driver of the vehicle was transported by EMS for treatment of injuries.

Deputy met with victim at ECSO for a report.

Deputies went with parole officer over to a half-way house on Queen St. in Twin City in reference to a parole warrant on offender. Upon arrival, they knocked on the door and offender answered and was placed under arrest without incident.

Complainant stated his neighbors are driving on his property and has asked them not to but they get smart and still continue to.

April 14

Deputy responded to Curry Ln. in reference to an alarm call. Deputy met with the homeowner who advised that she set the alarm off by accident and everything was ok.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 E. in reference to an animal collision. Victim state a large bird flew into her windshield. It did appear as

though the vehicles windshield was busted and had a damaged windshield wiper.

Deputy responded to EmCo Jail in reference to an inmate.

Deputy received a call from 911 about a burglary that had happened and was caught on camera on Lake Luck Dr.

Deputy responded to Hwy 1 S. in reference to a male subject being passed out on the ground unresponsive. When deputy arrived, he was able to wake the victim up and was told that he was homeless and was just trying to sleep for the night. Deputies took victim to a hotel and paid for a room for him to stay in for the night.

Victim stated someone hacked her DOL account and her money is now going to another account.

Deputy observed a vehicle speeding and initiated a traffic stop. Driver was placed under arrest for driving with suspended license.

April 15

Offenders were located in a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway on McLeod Bridge Rd. Offenders advised the vehicle broke down and they were waiting for a friend to help them.

Deputies responded to Rose Garden Rd. in reference to a stolen vehicle.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 192 in reference to a rolling domestic dispute. 911 advised they were not able to obtain vehicle information or names of those involved, only that they could hear vehicle occupants arguing/ fighting with each other. Deputies traveled the area but did not locate any vehicles on the shoulder of the roadway or driving recklessly. 911 was unable to get the caller back on the phone.

Deputies were dispatched to Quick Loop in reference to children riding bicycles in the roadway.

Deputies responded to Trout Trail for a female complainant stating her truck was damaged by being shot at.

April 16

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 1 N. in reference to a reckless driver who was failing to maintain lane. Deputies made contact with the described vehicle and initiated a traffic stop when it was failing to maintain its lane of travel. After speaking with the driver, it was determined that he was not impaired and was attempting to

adjust his GPS route on his phone which was in a mount attached to the windshield.

Deputy met with victim on Samuel Marvin Rd. in reference to a possible forgery incident.

Complainant stated she received two separate emails from DOL concerning her unemployment pay. C/o further stated the emails in question indicated that someone had obtained her personal information via SS# and filed for unemployment using her identity.

Deputies responded to Quick Loop in reference to a female complainant stating she had been shot at. Deputies arrived on scene and spoke with c/o and a diligent search was done for the suspect vehicle, but deputies were unable to locate it at the time.

Deputies responded to Atkinson Dr. I reference to a vehicle doing donuts in the church parking lot.

April 17

Deputies were dispatched to Griffin Ferry Rd, in reference to an ATV accident with injuries. Caller stated where they were near, but when she returned, the driver was no longer on scene. Deputies found the 4-wheeler, and another deputy found the driver appx. 1/2 mile away. Deputy arrived on scene with the driver and noticed the driver had a head wound to the left side of his head. Deputy then noticed the driver had slurred speech, glossy eyes, and had the smell of alcohol coming from his person. Since offender was in an accident with a head injury, deputy did not request a field sobriety. Offender was asked if he would give a sample on the Alco sensor and he tested positive for alcohol. Offender was taken to the ambulance where his blood was drawn, and was taken to EMC where he received stitches to his wound.

Deputies responded to Museum Rd. for a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, deputy made contact with the female party. The male party was intoxicated to the point of not remembering what happened prior to police arrival. Both parties seemed to believe no other issues would occur after deputies left the residence.

Deputies made contact with vehicle and offender where the vehicle was parked off the roadway on private property within a nearby wooded area. Vehicle was found unoccupied with the driver

door open and the motor running. Vehicle was also found with the heater on high and a high radio volume. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was a Daniels' loaner. Contact was made with offender who was found nearby in a wooded area. Offender stated that he parked the vehicle to look for a drone that he lost in the area.

April 18

Deputy responded to Hwy 80 E. for a male complainant stating his sister had his unemployment card unrightfully in her possession. Deputy made contact with c/o and other parties, and the card was returned. C/o was advised he had been criminally trespassed from the spot and was not to return.

Complainant stated his son, the offender, took his vehicle up to Maryland Fried Chicken so his girlfriend could get home when she got off work, but when his girlfriend got off work, she noticed damage to the front bumper and rear bumper of the vehicle and someone tried to cover it up with paint.

Driver struck roadway debris while traveling on I16 that caused disabling damage to his vehicle.

Complainant stated her and offender went to pick up her daughter from work and when they arrived back at their residence, her and offender got into an argument. C/o then stated that later on, the offender snuck another female inside her residence and when

she woke up and caught them, they got into another argument and offender took off running with the other female out the back door. C/o then stated that offender went back and kicked in the back door and took off running into the woods. Deputy walked around the residence to see if offender was still on scene but was unable to locate him so deputy looked at the damage to the back door and could see where the bottom half had been knocked off the hinges. Deputy advised c/o to contact then if offender showed back up causing more problems. Deputy then left the residence and drove down the road a little ways and received another call to the same residence stating offender was back and had finished kicking the back door completely off the hinges and was sitting on the couch. Deputy then asked offender why he kicked the door in and ran when c/o called 911. Offender stated he didn't kick the door in, that it was already messed up and had been that way for weeks, and he did not run off the first time. But while speaking with offender, deputy could tell that he was highly intoxicated and he stated that he had been running around hiding in the woods for hours and he was cold and tired. Deputy then placed offender under arrest for disorderly conduct. When they arrived at the jail, offender admitted he did kick the door in.

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Swainsboro Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported...

April 9

Officers were dispatched in reference to someone wanting to file a report on domestic violence cause by her boyfriend.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute in progress. Complainant states her husband came home drunk and was wanting to leave and she would not let him drive under the influence, causing an argument. He threw her down, bit her, then punched her. A friend grabbed him to end the dispute. The officer arrested him and transported him to the jail. At arrival, the husband had a fever over 102 degrees and had to have a Covid test and be medically cleared before entering in the jail. He was transported to the hospital and tested negative for Covid, then later taken back to jail.

Officer was assisting GSP with a road block and came in contact with a male driving with a small child, unrestrained in the back seat. He was told to pull over for a citation and the officer ran his information discovering his license is suspended due to child support issues. He stated he had no knowledge his license was suspended.

Officers pulled warrants from the warrant book and attempted to serve them. They spotted a vehicle at the residence that is not normally there. They stopped and asked the female if he was there. He was inside and was told to put on socks and shoes. He was transported to the jail.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a runaway juvenile. The mother informed the officers of what she had on. One of the officers spotted her running. When they got to her, she was crying and saying that she wanted to see her Daddy. Officers took her back home to her mother. This was the fourth time she has attempted to run away.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a woman stating that in the middle of the night someone cut the backup camera off the back of her car and scratched the driver's side front door.

Officers responded to a local gas station in reference to a person stealing lighters.

April 10

Officers responded to the police department for a report to be made about an argument over the title to a vehicle. The female stated that the male took her wallet and the jumped on the windshield, smashing it. He states she was trying to hit him with her car, hence the reason he jumped onto her windshield.

Officers were dispatched to a home where they stated they heard gunshots at their neighbor's house. Officers had the residence step out for safety and asked them about firing guns. One male finally stated he did fire his new gun. He received a citation for discharging firearms in the city limits.

Officers were dispatched to a local gas station in reference to a stolen vehicle. Driver states she had permission to drive her uncle's vehicle. She parked the vehicle, walked into a house and when she came back it was gone. She states she rode around for a little bit to see if she could find it and then contacted the police.

April 11

Officers made a report in reference to a woman stating there was a scratch on the side of her car and she has no idea how it got there.

Officers responded to a call, upon arrival the officer noticed that the window was shot out and the driver seemed to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver states she was shot, but not sure by whom. He was asked to inform the officers of what happened but he kept on arguing with people in the street, causing the officers to have to stop a fight and threats.

Officer imitated a traffic stop and the driver informed the officer he did not have a drivers license. His daughter was in the car and had a valid drivers license. He was arrested and transported to jail and the car was turned over to the daughter.

Officers were looking for a man with outstanding warrants. When the officer called him by name, he took off running. He was caught and arrested, then taken

to jail.

Officers were dispatched to the hospital in reference to someone at the emergency room who was cut with a knife. The complainant stated two older men started fighting and while he was attempting to break the up the fight, apparently one of the had a knife and he got cut on the top of his hand.

Officers performed a traffic stop and spoke with the owner of the vehicle who of which had an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his body as well as slurred speech and nonsense comments. Officer had the driver perform a few sobriety test, which he failed. He then blew into the breathalyzer and blew a 0.11, being over the legal limit. The driver was handcuffed and transported to jail.

Officer pulled a vehicle over for not having on their head lights in the dark. Officer smelled alcohol from the driver as well as slurred speech. The driver stated he had not had anything to drink. Officer called for another officer to come do a sobriety test. The driver then admitted that he had been drinking that night, but did not want to get in trouble because of his job. He failed the sobriety test, blowing a 0.149. He was handcuffed and transported to jail.

April 12

Officers conducted a traffic stop for speeding. The driver had to get out to get license, and made the statement, "You are not going to confiscate my car." The vehicle did not have insurance and the driver was attempting to get her daughter in law to pick her up.

Officers requested assistance with consent search of a shed. K-9 Maya had a change of behavior in the Southwest corner of the building, where detective located a small glass tube that had a very small amount of crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a lost cell phone. The complainant stated that the victimless the listed phone the night before and was in school at the time of the report.

Officers took a walk-up report in reference to fraud. Complainant states that the son stole her identity and opened a fraudulent account in his name running the bill up to \$3,000-3,500.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a hit and run. Complainant states that someone hit her vehicle before she exited the store. The ones responsible for the hit and run, according to witnesses were laughing and taking pictures, then backed up and proceeded to leave.

April 13

Officers responded to a call where the complainant said she arrived and her mail and mailbox were on the ground. After reviewing her footage, she saw where a vehicle ran off the roadway striking her mailbox.

Officer imitated a traffic stop on a vehicle. The driver did not have a license. He was handcuffed and transported to jail.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a custody case. The complainant reported that he observed several marks on his daughter and was concerned about her safety. A scab was present on child's knee and a very faint bruise was reported on the child's arm. The complainant reported that he suspects that the mother and her boyfriend are smoking marijuana in front of the child.

Officers shared information with the Statesboro Police Department about existing warrants. The male subject was walking around a residence when he was placed under arrest for his outstanding warrants.

Officers were dispatched in reference to someone egging a home. Upon officers arrival, the officer noticed a male subject with a shotgun standing in the shadows of the residence. He stated he had his shotgun with him for protection while checking out the house. They have suspected who the driver and person egging the house was.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle going about 55-60

mph in a 35 MPH zone. The driver dropped off a children with a male suspect and then the officer approached her and informed her why he pulled her over. She became irate and started cursing at him. The officer had planned on giving her a warning, but because of her attitude and walking away he changed that decision. As the officer got closer to her, he could smell alcohol on her. She stated that she hadn't had any. As the other officer came for back up, she began to get irate again. She started walking away and the officer commanded her to stop and she didn't. The officer grabbed her by the arm and she snatched away from him. She was placed under arrest and put in the patrol vehicle. She refused to put her legs in the vehicle and was constantly cursing at the officers. The driver was hitting the window of the vehicle so hard that the officer thought she was going to bust it out. One officer took the DUI and read her Georgia implied consent and she refused all testing. She was transported to jail. Once arriving, she was still irate and refused to go to jail. She was finally escorted into the jail and had to be handcuffed and placed in leg shackles.

April 14

Officer was dispatched in reference to damage to a vehicle. Complainant stated that when she came back from lunch in a different vehicle, she noticed her vehicle had damage on the front left fender.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with suspended registration and no insurance. The vehicle had the wrong sticker on the tag, but the driver said it was not his car, that he was just driving it. The driver contacted the owner of the car and they attempted to show proof of insurance, but were unable to do so. The vehicle was towed and the driver was issued three citations.

Officer responded to a shoplifting call at a local store. An unknown shoplifter had been switching tags and skipping multiple items in the self-checkout line with a total of \$295.76 in stolen merchandise.

April 15

While on patrol, an officer heard loud arguing and cursing coming from a local hotel. The woman stated that the man had been harassing her about some money, making threats and blocked her from going to her room. She stated she did not want to press charges and he agreed to leave her alone. While officers were at the hotel, there was someone who had outstanding warrants, he was found and arrested. Before leaving the hotel, the officer heard the man yelling again, this time over the phone. He was warned more than one time to calm down and stop making a scene and using profanity. He wouldn't stop so he was arrested and taken to jail. The woman was advised to press charges on him for terroristic threats.

Officers went to a local hotel about warrants, both were found and placed under arrest.

Officer was dispatched in reference to a brown dog running after her and was growling. The officer found the dog in the back of her residence and it charged at the officer. The officer pulled his taser out and the dog stopped right before getting to him. The neighbor who was familiar with the dog put him on a leash. The owner was not around, but was notified to contact the SPD when he arrived back at the residence.

Officer was dispatched in reference to a report made by a woman stating that someone had used her checking account to purchase a ride for \$67.87 and for \$59.17.

Four sentenced in Superior Court

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court January 2021 term:

Edward Channing Eskew negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of cocaine and one count possession of marijuana less than an ounce. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to three years, with the first two years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation provided that the defendant shall comply with conditions of probation imposed by the court as part of this sentence. Eskew received credit for time served in custody from October 26, 2019. The court sentenced Eskew as a recidivist under O.C.G.A § 17-10-7(c).

Jellont Walker negotiated a plea of guilty (alford) on one count possession of cocaine, one count possession of marijuana more than an ounce, one count seat belt violation and one count failure to maintain lane. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 15 years, with the first five years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation provided

that the defendant shall comply with conditions of probation imposed by the court as part of this sentence. The court sentenced Walker as a recidivist under O.C.G.A § 17-10-7(c).

Jason Blane Coggins negotiated a plea of guilty on one count fleeing and eluding and one count obstruction of an officer. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to five years and 12 months with the first five years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation. Coggins received credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Markiee Quantas Jones negotiated a plea of guilty on two counts enticing a child for indecent purposes, two counts incest and two counts statutory rape. Jones was sentenced to 70 years, with the first 30 years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation provided that the defendant shall comply with conditions of probation imposed by the court as part of this sentence.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Beginning May 1, 2021, the Twin City Police Department will be strictly enforcing City Ordinance Codes 9-3-11 through 9-3-19 pertaining to Twin City's Leash Law, Violators will be fined \$200.00 per occurrence. The entire code section is posted in the window of City Hall and Police Department, along with the phone number to Emanuel County Animal Shelter. Any further questions or concerns can be directed to TCPD Clerk Jessica Sumner at 478-763-4140. Hank Whithers, Chief of Police



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NOTICE
IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: **Ronald Walker, Shakera Shabazz, Koby Shabazz, Andrea Kim Walker, Vanessa Kopp, Lavernis Anthony Walker, Dawn Colbert, Michael Shabazz, Kolid Shabazz, and Nene Shabazz**
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before **April 26, 2021**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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This ___ day of March, 2021

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from **BRUCE WOODS**, as Grantor, to **FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK**, as Grantee, recorded June 6, 2006, in Deed Book 270, Pages 212-216, Emanuel County Records, which Deed to Secure Debt secures a Note dated May 13, 2016, in the original principal sum of \$87,482.95 (the "Note"), as amended by a Change in Terms Agreement dated May 10, 2019; there will be sold by the undersigned, during the legal hours of sale, before the door of the Courthouse in Emanuel County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday of May, 2021, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property:
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This 29th day of March, 2021.
MORRIS BANK, Successor by Merger to FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK, Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce Woods R. KENNY STONE, P.C.

Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 681
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signed, the property is in the possession of the Administrator of the Estate of Bruce Ernest Woods or her tenants. Said property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, assessments, prior encumbrances, general subdivision restrictions, and other restrictions and easements of record, if any. The undersigned will execute a deed to the purchaser as authorized by the aforesaid Deed to Secure Debt. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Deed to Secure Debt is Morris Bank, 301 Bellevue Avenue, Dublin, Georgia 31021 (telephone number 478-274-3072).
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All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being **Lot 7 of Block I of the Eastwood Estates Subdivision** as shown by plat prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated February 23, 1971, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 131, and dated February 13, 1981, recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 673, Emanuel County Clerk's Records. Said property BEGINNING at a corner marker located 384.13 feet S 17 degrees 53 minutes E from the southeast corner of the intersection of Turner Drive and Sutton Drive; thence N 72 degrees 07 minutes E for a distance of 150 feet; thence S 17 degrees 53 minutes E a distance of 100.45 feet; thence S 72 degrees 07 minutes W a distance of 150 feet; thence N 17 degrees 53 minutes W along the eastern edge of Sutton Drive a distance of 100.45 feet back to the point of beginning. Said property is identified by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's Office as Map S09 027 and has a 911 address of **247 Sutton Drive, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401**. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due and payable in full because of non-payment thereof pursuant to the terms of said Deed to Secure Debt and Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness, including all interest and attorney's fees and all expenses of sale, and any other obligations of the Grantor to the Grantee. Said property will be sold as the property of Bruce Woods, and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the property is in the possession of the Administrator of the Estate of Bruce Ernest Woods or her tenants. Said property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, assessments, prior encumbrances, general subdivision restrictions, and other restrictions and easements of record, if any. The undersigned will execute a deed to the purchaser as authorized by the aforesaid Deed to Secure Debt. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Deed to Secure Debt is Morris Bank, 301 Bellevue Avenue, Dublin, Georgia 31021 (telephone number 478-274-3072).
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 erty of Bruce Woods, and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the property is in the possession of the Administrator of the Estate of Bruce Ernest Woods or her tenants. Said property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, assessments, prior encumbrances, general subdivision restrictions, and other restrictions and easements of record, if any. The undersigned will execute a deed to the purchaser as authorized by the aforesaid Deed to Secure Debt. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Deed to Secure Debt is Morris Bank, 301 Bellevue Avenue, Dublin, Georgia 31021 (telephone number 478-274-3072).
 This 29th day of March, 2021.
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of Larry James Kea, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 31st day of March, 2021.
 Gene Nolan Kea, Executor of the Estate of
 Larry James Kea, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tommie L. Lloyd to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Real Estate Mortgage Network, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated January 6, 2012, recorded in Deed Book 363, Page 226, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 478, Page 504, Emanuel County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$153,994.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2021, the following described property:
 SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
 Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
 NewRez LLC F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.
 The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Shellpoint

Mortgage Servicing, 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 539-0267.
 To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Tommie Lee Lloyd or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 905 W Moring Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.
 The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.
 NewRez LLC F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney in Fact for Tommie L. Lloyd
 McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
 1544 Old Alabama Road
 Roswell, GA 30076
 www.foreclosurehotline.net
 EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, designated as Lots No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block E of Grove Park Subdivision, fronting a distance of 300 feet on the Southern side of Covena Road (GA State Highway # 56) as shown on plat of survey made by R. K. Hatten, Surveyor, dated April, 1949, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Deed Book DE, page 1A, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: North by Covena Road (GA State Highway #56); East 300 feet by Arden Drive, as shown on said Plat; South by lands of Jennifer P. Fitzner; and West by lands of Billy V. Chapman, Jr. and Brandi N. Chapman.
 The above described property is the same as that conveyed from James Chesley Allred, III and Martha C. Allred to Tommie L. Lloyd by a Warranty Deed dated January 6, 2012, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Deed Book 363, pages 224-225.
 Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Warranty Deed with Right of Survivorship dated August 8, 2008, from Charlton H. Calhoun, III, Executor of the Estates of Charlton H. Calhoun, Jr. and Jane A. Calhoun, to James Chesley Allred, III and Martha C. Allred, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, in Deed Book 314, pages 275-276.
 MR/ca 5/4/21
 Our file no. 5447719 - FT18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: PETITION OF ABBIE GAIL PARHAM FOR ADOPTION OF COLIN WRIGHT,
CIVIL ACTION NO. 21M01
 KASON WRIGHT COPELAND AND BAILEY PAGE COPLEAND
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
 TO: Darlene Copeland, Defendant:
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Adoption was filed against you on said court on March, 2021 and that by reason of an Order for service of summons by publication Entered by the Court on March 28, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon William H. McWhorter, Jr., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is P.O. Drawer 99, and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for service by publication. Witness the Honorable, Robert S. Reeves, judge of said Court. This 28 day of March, 2021.
 Kristin C. Hall
 Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF EARL NEWSOME, ANNETTE JENKINS, and anyone claiming an interest in the property described below.
 Take Notice That:
 The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All that certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 53rd G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, being Lot Number 7 of the Lynwood Heights Subdivision, Dellwood, as shown by plat made by Ford-McLeod, Surveyor, on February 20, 1959, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 188, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, to which plat reference is made as a part of this description. Said lot fronting 100 feet on the East side of U.S. Highway

1 and running in a general Easterly direction between parallel lines a distance of 200 feet, and bounded on the North by Lot Number 6 of said subdivision; on the East by lands of Lynwood Screws; on the South by Lot Number 8 of said subdivision; and on the West by right of way of U.S. Highway 1.
Said tract of land is known as Lot Number 7, Lynwood Heights Subdivision, Dellwood, Emanuel County, Georgia and further known as Map/Parcel DW1039 in the Tax Assessor's Office of Emanuel County, Georgia.
 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 24th day of MAY, 2021. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th day of November, 2019, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 489, at page 387-388.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the 24th day of MAY 2021, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: 12 Siebald Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458.
 KEITH WOMMACK
 Stephen T. Rushing, Esq.
 Taulbee, Rushing, Snipes, Marsh & Hodgins, LLC
 12 Siebald Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458
 912/764-9055

ESTATE OF JAMES HARDY, Deceased, ESTATE OF LURENE HARDY a/k/a LURERNE HARDY, Deceased, DARRYL J. HARDY, TERRI HAWKINS and anyone claiming an interest in the property described below.
 Take Notice That:
 The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in the 49th G. M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing One (1) acre, more or less, as shown on plat of survey made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, dated February 1, 1974, which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court, Plat Book 8, Page 27, to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: North by the lands of Ed Oglesby; East by the Garfield-Canoochee paved road; South by the lands of Julian Clark; and West by the lands of Ed Oglesby.
Said tract of land is known as 1745 Mt. Olive Church Road, Garfield, Emanuel and further known as Map/Parcel 173 037 in the Tax Assessor's Office of Emanuel County, Georgia.
 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 10th day of MAY, 2021. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th day of November, 2019, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 489, at page 381-382.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of MAY 2021, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: 12 Siebald Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458.
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 COUNTY OF CHATHAM
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having demands against HAROLD NORWOOD BRAUN, late of said County, deceased, to present them to me, properly made out within the time prescribed by law, so as to show their character and amount; and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to make immediate payment to me.
 Savannah, Georgia this 7th day of April, 2021.
 Julianne G. Glisson
 Administrator of the Estate of Harold Norwood Braun
 P.O. Box 10105
 Savannah, GA 31412

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSEMARIE MCNEAL
ESTATE NO. 21E0049
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
 and to whom it may concern: **JAMES EDWARD MCNEAL**
 has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of **ROSEMARIE MCNEAL** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **10:00 A.M. MAY 10TH, 2021.**
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: **Nicky Neal**
 Clerk of the Probate Court
125 S. Main St. / P.O. Box 70 Swainsboro, GA 30401
 Address
478-237-7091
 Telephone Number

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of Brenda R. Crews, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 7th day of April, 2020.
 James E. Crews, Executor of the Estate of
 Brenda R. Crews, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of David Harrison Smith, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 8th day of April, 2020.
 Betty H. Smith, Administrator of the Estate of
 David Harrison Smith, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
 IN RE: ESTATE OF O.C. HUTCHESON
 (Also Known As Olen Chance Hutcheson)
 All creditors of the estate of O.C. HUTCHESON, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Phyllis Salyer Hutcheson in care of J. Kendall Gross.
 J. KENDALL GROSS, P.C., P.O. Box 695, Metter, Georgia 30439
 This 13th day of April, 2021
 Phyllis Salyer Hutcheson
 Executor of the Estate of O.C. Hutcheson, Deceased

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF: J. D. SEX M DOB 09/26/2020
CASE# CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Ricky Burkett and any unknown biological, legal, putative father of the above-named child born to Amber Douberly at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia.
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the EMANUEL County Department of Family

and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated April 14, 2021, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.
 You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the **8th day of July, 2021 at the EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING** and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on **June 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.**
 The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.
 You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the children and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:
 A) petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and
 B) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.
 The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.
 The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.
 A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2021.

 Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TRUMAN D. MCKENZIE, ESTATE NO. 21E0055
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: **KEVIN DAVID MCKENZIE** has petitioned for to be appoint-

ed administrator of the estate of **TRUMAN D. MCKENZIE** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **10:00 a.m. May 17, 2021.**
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE M. MCINTEE, ESTATE NO. 21E0056
DECEASED
NOTICE
 IN RE: Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.
[List here all interested parties having unknown addresses to be served by publication]
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before **10:00 a.m. May 17, 2021.**
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
KELSEY BLAIN ALFORD
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 Action No. 21-CV-103
 Thomas Loy Wright, Jr.
 Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: THOMAS WRIGHT, JR.,
 Defendant Named Above:
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Divorce [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on April 14, 2021, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on April 14, 2021 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Kelsey Alford plaintiff, whose address is 137 Lewis Rd. Swainsboro, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable Tommy Smith, Judge of said Court. This the 14th day of April, 2021.
 Clerk of Superior Court
 Emanuel, County

Editorials Columns

How do you like me now?

Taylor Taylor's mind was a trillion miles away. He sat in Mr. Gambrell's algebra class admiring the girl in the desk in front of him. She had the qualities that he admired in a girl.

Her long, blonde hair fell loosely in soft ringlets to her shoulders, and her entire demeanor gave off the vibes of high class. Deep down inside, his gut feeling told him she was way out of his league.

Food wise, she could be expensive caviar whereas he could be compared to cabbage and cornbread. Her fam-

ily was from old money, and Taylor's family had no money, living paycheck to paycheck.

But, the facts of life didn't stop him dreaming that one day he would hold Betty Sue Loudermilk in his arms and tell her he had always loved her from the first grade onward to this very moment.

Taylor sensed that he didn't have a chance with Betty Sue. She was a Swainsboro Tiger cheerleader and a homecoming representative from the 10th grade, and he was only known as a bag boy at Harvey's

supermarket.

He wondered why he could dream so big, with a girl that he had zero chance of dating. Maybe he was like the sleek greyhound who tried to catch the mechanical rabbit that always stayed a step ahead of him in a race that couldn't be won. He chuckled to himself, realizing in the pit of his stomach that guys love the thrill of the chase, never wanting to catch the mechanical rabbit because the chase would be on for another day.

Betty Sue Loudermilk never acknowledged

that Taylor Taylor existed until he drove through Sam's Restaurant in a cherry red '57 Chevy with black leather seats and his radio blasting Elvis Presley songs such as *Blue Suede Shoes* and *Don't Be Cruelly*, with *Hound Dog* thrown in.

His job at Harvey's Supermarket had allowed him to save up enough money to purchase this classic Chevy car of a jewel. Every time he would hop into his souped up Chevy, his prized bulldog, Slick, would join him on the passenger side. It was an odd pairing, but the

Ronnie Johnson



teenaged girls thought it was "Oh, so cool!"

The following Monday while standing in line at recess, Betty Sue Loudermilk made her move. "Roy, I haven't decided as of yet who will take me to the Jr. Sr. dance, would you be interested?"

Roy didn't answer right away because he wanted Betty Sue to

sweat for a moment because he had endured her rejection right up until this very moment. There was total silence. Now, the ball was in his corner.

It had never happened in all the greyhound races in the state of Florida. The greyhound had finally caught the mechanical rabbit, and it felt good.

To Noah Sumner Wansley: Welcome to the World

Dear Noah: Welcome to the world. As information, you are great-grandchild number six, following Cameron Charles Yarbrough, Hayden Rose, Hadley Ann and Harper Grace Yarbrough and brother Henry Sanford Wansley. However, in the case of great-grandchild rankings numbers are irrelevant. All are Number One with me and you will be, too. I must tell you that I like the name, Noah Sumner, although I think credit for the selection belongs to your mother and father. Sumner comes from your mother's side of the family. As for Noah, the general

consensus is that the name is associated with "rest" or "repose." I suspect your mom and dad would welcome a little of both over the next few weeks. As I awaited your birth last week, I thought about the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes, which notes that "there is a time for everything. A time to be born and a time to die; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance." As we rejoice at your birth and the new life and promise your represent, we mourn the passing of Nana, your great-grandmother. Yet, I know she would be the first to say

that now you are here it is time to cease our weeping and to celebrate your arrival. I wish you could have had the privilege of knowing her. She made everything and everybody around her better. May you do the same. You are seeing the first of what I hope will be many sunrises in your life. I am nearing the last of the many sunsets of mine. I don't know what kind of world in which you will grow up. The obvious answer is that today it is full of meanness and stridency and hate. But a study of history shows that it has always been that way. There has been evil around

since original sin. The difference is that today's technology allows us to spread vitriol more rapidly and at a higher decibel level which invites equally venomous responses. Several centuries ago, the British statesman and philosopher Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." That is where you come in. Do good things. You don't have to invent a cure for cancer or write a concerto or become President of the United States, although any of these would be a singular achievement that would make your family very proud. You just need to make a difference, a positive difference. Your family will be equally as proud. Look no further than your father and your grandfather, I can't imagine how many lives they have positively impacted over their careers as public school-teachers and coaches. And you want to think that those they have influenced have in turn made a differ-

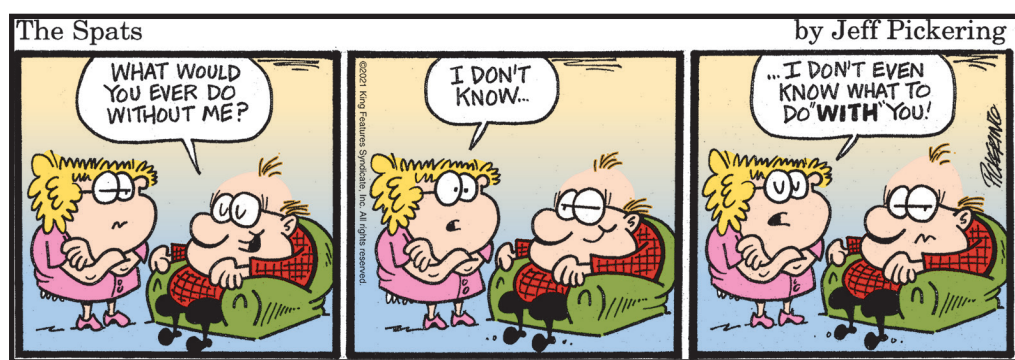
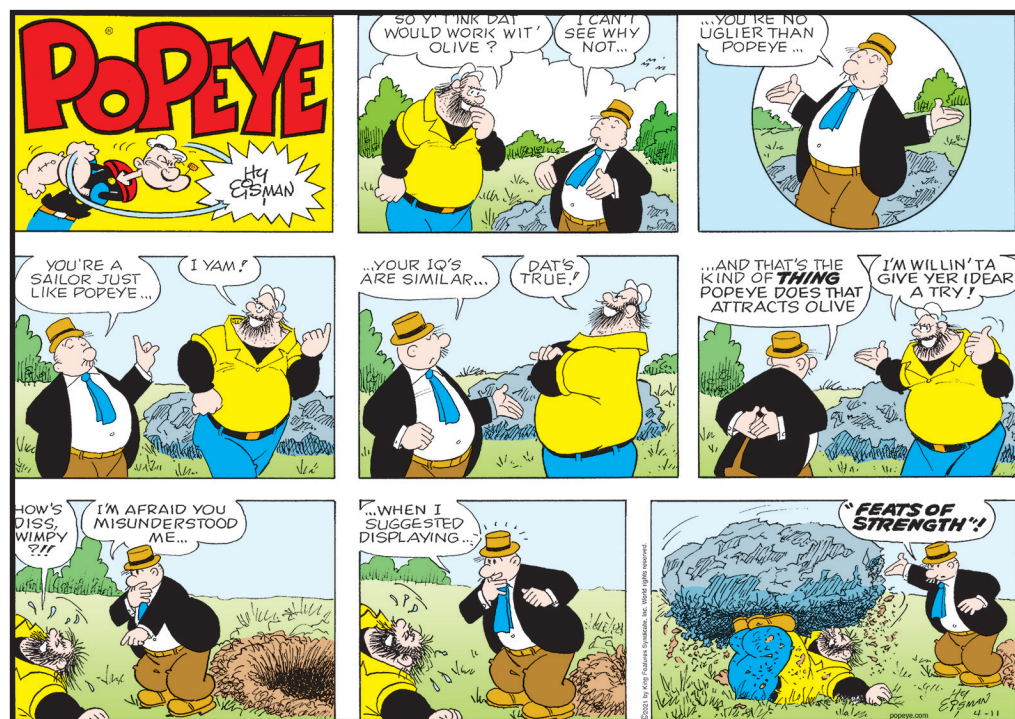
Dick Yarbrough



ence in someone else's life. But it can be even simpler. Your great-grandmother made it a point to call every clerk in every establishment she shopped by the name on their nametag. She gave them dignity and you could see the positive reaction it had. At her going-home service, it was noted how many dignitaries she had met in her life - presidents and senators, CEOs and the like - and she was no different with them than with the person who checked her out at the grocery store. She was kind to everyone. No matter how complicated your world becomes - and it is bound to be more complicated than mine - there will always be a place in it for kindness and courtesy and thoughtfulness and respect. "Thank you" will never go out of style. Believe in God. I can't imagine that this life on this earth is all there is. Sci-

ence will continue to unlock the mysteries of our universe but I think those discoveries will be further proof of God's magnificence. The more you see, the more you can believe. I don't expect to be around to see how you turn out but I am confident you will do just fine. You have parents who will provide you love and security and stability and two sets of grandparents that will no doubt dote on you. You will have a big brother to look out for you. Life has started out good. I have a feeling it is going to get even better. That is as it should be. Welcome to the world, Noah. I am glad you are here. Love A
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Editorial Cartoons



Question: How do I stream on YouTube?

by DWIGHT WATT
Answer:

Streaming is where you are putting material online live as it occurs. Since the pandemic hit in March 2020 the use of streaming has grown a lot, but it was getting extensive use before.

YouTube allow you to stream live to the site and what is streamed is kept as a recording, but people get to see it live as it occurs, and they may even interact with it live.

A lot of churches have started streaming services live to YouTube (and some were doing this before the pandemic), education organizations including schools and colleges are streaming classes live and businesses and individuals stream.

At the top of your screen in YouTube on the right is an icon that looks like a movie camera (old style,

not phone) with a plus sign in it. Click it and choose Go Live. Then give the video (live or recorded it is a video or will be), choose if it is public (church service is usually public, a class would be usually unlisted so only people with the URL can get in) and select if made for kids. Click next.

It now connects with your camera and mic and you will click Go Live button and you are now videoing a show that is showing live on YouTube. Now do whatever you anted done and then when finished click End Stream. Confirm to end and it quits streaming. You can now edit it or dismiss, and it is saved.

If you were wanting to have people watch live back on the first choice screen you could have chosen schedule and entered time and day and then you

would have had an URL to give people so they could join live.

There are lots of things you can do with streaming but make sure you stay legal (copyrights, etc.) and that you do not do things that YouTube, or the public would consider inappropriate.

Recordings you did live will appear under Live tab and recordings you uploaded appear under Uploads tab.

Send me your questions about computers to my e-mail dwight@dwightwatt.com and tell me you read this in this paper. I will pick a question to answer each week.

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